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NEW ORLEANS - 1841

"Copy"

New Orleans, 17th Sept. 1841.

J. M. Kennedy, Esqr.

Sir,

Agreeably to your request, I have examined the Arches that Support the floors over the First and Second Stories of the U. S. Branch Mint, and find that the lateral thrust or pressure of the Arches, has forced out the front and rear walls to a considerable extent, and the crowns of the Arches have consequently sunk down, and are much cracked on the under side. - These defects have arisen from not having the abutments of the Arches tied together by iron bars, as should have been done, when the arches were being built. - Further delapidation may however, be now prevented, by the insertion of an iron rod of 1½ inches diameter, quite across the building from front to rear, at the height of about six inches above the Springing point of each groin, the rod passing through the abutments of the Arches, where they press against the walls, and over the inside pillars which support the Arches within the building. - Each rod to be attached at each end to a large cast iron plate, by which the force exerted by the rod, may be transferred over a large surface of the wall outside; and the plate may be sunk into the brickwork, so that when plastered over on the front, it will not appear on the outside. -

The Arches of the North wing, are in a worse condition than those of the South wing; but as they are all defective, an immediate remedy should be applied, for they will continue to become daily worse, until in a short time, the safety of the whole building will be jeopardized.

The cost of putting in these rods, will for the two wings be about Sixteen hundred Dollars. Each wing will require eight of these rods viz: four in the first Story, and four in the Second Story of each wing.

Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Jas. Gallier, Archt.

Rec'd Oct. 9, '41.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Sept 28. 1841

Sir,

The following is our Estimate for the year 1842.

Compensation to the Superintendent	$2.500."	
Do ——"—" Treasurer ——	" 2000."	
Do ——"—"– Coiner ——	" 2000."	
Do ——"—" Melter & Refiner	" 2000."	
Do ——"—" Assayer ——	" 2000."	
Do to 2 Clerks $1200 each —	" 2400.	$12.900
Compensation to Laborers in the diff! Departments ————		22.000.
Incidental & Contingent Expenses, including fuel, materials, Taxes, and Wastage of Gold & Silver ———		17.100.
For rebuilding flues of Melting Department —		1.500
For iron rods for strengthening walls of North & South wings of the Mint ———		1.600
		$55.100.

On looking over the appropriations for our Branch Mint, we have ascertained that the balance in the Treasury under the head of Contingent fund, will not more than suffice to pay our ordinary contingent expenses for the next quarter. It is for that reason that I have asked for an increase of $3100 upon the Estimate of the present year, for the flues, and rods, with regard to the necessity of inserting which I refer you to the enclosed copy of a Report from Mr. Gallier, an able architect, by whom an examination was made at my request. I have had these walls inspected by other builders, all of whom agree as to the imperious necessity of applying the proper remedy to the Northern wing with the least possible delay. I ~~think~~ trust you will think me justified in having contracted for that much of the work without having previously laid the matter before you. As the other wing must be, sooner or later, strengthened in the same way, I think it had better be done at the same time.

I intended to have submitted some of our other affairs to you in this communication, but, being not quite ready, I have determined to send you the Estimate at once.

Very respectfully
Yr obedt servt
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Sept. 28, 1841.
Rec'd Oct. 9. "

Estimates for 1842.

New Orleans September 21. 1841.

Dear Sir

I wrote to you a few days ago with copy of trial balance of the Bullion Books of the Mint for August. The Books at the close of this quarter will be exactly the same as there have been no transactions during this month.

I have not received a line from Washington since the repeal of the Sub Treasury bill - I have on hand still Two hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of the public money which keeps me in the City and make me rather uneasy while so many workmen and others are about the Mint.

The yellow fever is on the increase in the City and there have been some more cases at the Mint among the number my daughter aged 12. years and, who, I am happy to say, has recovered..

Mr Girault, my clerk under the Sub-Treasury law, has had a relapse, and is now *very dangerously* ill, and the porter employed under the same act is also down - at foot I will give you a memorandum of all who have been sick.

Mr Wicks who was clerk in my office left me yesterday. He has a more lucrative employment in a Counting house where a vacancy was caused by the death of the book keeper - I offered to pay him an additional sum myself so as to make his salary equal to the place he has accepted, but, as he has just married a lady without income, he is ambitious to enter a field where he has a chance to advance himself by merit.

I had continued, until they got sick, in my employ the clerk and porter of the Sub Treasury with the understanding, however, that they are to be paid only in case their salary & wages should be allowed by the department.

I am with assurances
of respect & Esteem
your faithful Servant
A C Cammack

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

Cases of fever.

Margaret	-	Irish woman, Servant in Coiner's dwelling
Stafford	-	Laborer in the Coining department.
Samuel Riddell	,	foreman melting department
John	,	Irishman, Groom & Coachman, Treasr.
Louise	,	Swiss or french woman, nurse in Trs fam
Young	,	Laborer in Coining department
Mrs Young	,	residing in the Coiner's dwelling
Margaret	,	Irish woman, Servant in Coiner's dwelling
Daily	,	watchman.
Anthony	,	porter in Sub Treasury

all Sleeping in the mint except the Watchman.

Miss Cammack & Mr Girault

making in all 12 cases.

From/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Sept. 21. 1841.
Rec'd Oct. 4. "

Off

To/ Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

NEW ORLEANS
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October 1841

Mint of the U. S.
Oct. 5. 1841.

Sir,

Above ~~I send~~ you have a statement of my account with your Mint for the quarter ending on the 30th ult., showing a balance in my hands to your credit of $529.86. The vouchers are enclosed.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/

H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 5. 1841.

H

Mint U.S.

Oct. 6 /41.

Sir,

Mr. ~~Rufus~~ Philos B. Tyler, Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, had felt it very important, ever since his appointment to office, that he should visit the Philadelphia Mint ~~here~~, and examine the machinery and witness the operations here, in order to improve those in the ~~corresponding~~ department under his charge. A necessary interruption in the work at the New Orleans Mint has enabled him to make the proposed visit, and he has felt that the advantages of it have been very important.

The necessary ~~expenses~~ travelling expenses of this visit ~~to which he has been subjected~~ will amount to about $250. He asks that these may be allowed to him, and this cannot be done without your consent, for which he informs me, that he has applied. In support of his claim, I have to state, that I believe his visit to have been of no small ~~importance~~ advantage to the interests of his department, — that he has been able to save expense to the New Orleans Branch by having work for it executed here under his superintendence, — and that the ~~travelling~~ expenses, of the Assayer and Melter & Refiner, under similar circumstances, were allowed.

To Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

R. M. P., D.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Oct. 6. 1841.

October 1841

Philadelphia Oct 6th 1841

Sir.

When in Washington on the 23d of September, I was summoned before a Magistrate, who bound me to appear at court in that city, on the last Monday in October, to give evidence in a criminal case. I made affidavit of what I knew relating to the case; but could not get released from the bond; and as you are aware that my services are expected in New Orleans on the 1st of November, I am desirous of having your advice and assistance on the subject, so far as you deem it necessary

The name of the District Attorney is Kendall, and the Magistrate is Mosely.

Very Respectfully
Your Faithful Servant
Philos B. Tyler.
Coiner U.S. Br. Mint N. O.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

Dr R. M. Patterson.

From/

Philos B. Tyler, Esq.,
Coiner Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Philada. Oct. 6, 1841.
Rec'd " 7. "

Mint U. S.

Oct. 7, 1841.

Sir,

Mr. Philos B. Tyler, Coiner of the New-Orleans Branch Mint, made, as you know, a visit to Washington, about a fortnight ago. While there, he was summoned, on the 23d of September, before a Magistrate named Mosely, who bound him, under a penalty of $500, to appear at Court ~~in that~~ on the last Monday in October, to give evidence in a criminal case. He made affidavit of what he knew relating to the case, but could not get released from the bond. Now his detention, until the ~~term~~ time at which he is bound to appear, would be a serious in~~convenience~~terference with the public services required of him at the New Orleans Mint, which is expected to resume, at an early day, ~~the~~ its operations, ~~which have been~~ now temporarily suspended. — Under these circumstances, I feel myself forced to apply to you to cause such steps to be taken, if possible, as may serve to relieve Mr. Tyler from the necessity of appearing at Washington at the end of this month, ~~to give~~ for the purpose of giving oral testimony on a a point, with regard to which he has already made affidavit of all he knows.

R. M. P.
D

To
Hon. Walter Forward
Sec. of Treasury,

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Oct. 7. 1841.

Washington October 11. 1841

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of Mr. Philos B. Tyler's recognisance to attend as a witness at the next session of the Criminal Court for this county, has been referred to me by the Secretary.

When Mr. Tyler was here I explained to him the necessity of the recognisance; and expressed my desire to prevent any avoidable inconvenience, either to the department of the public service which he is employed in, or to himself personally. I fear however that, without defeating the ends of justice, the personal attendance of Mr. Tyler cannot be dispensed with.

In the case for which he is wanted the amount of property stolen from Mr. Kendall was about $.200; but the coins as to which Mr. Tyler will testify are the only portion of it about which there is any present prospect of obtaining proof. The accused is supposed to belong to a gang of offenders who have hitherto eluded discovery; - the evidence against him is altogether circumstantial; Mr. Tyler's testimony is an important link in the chain of circumstances; and his affidavit cannot be used in evidence without the consent of the accused, who has a constitutional right to be confronted with the witnesses against him.

I should not, moreover, deem it safe for the U. States to go to trial on the present affidavit. It was made during the absence of the Magistrate having custody of the coins, and therefore does not identify them: neither does it state the grounds of Mr. Tyler's opinion, that when he left New Orleans on the 31st. of July last, the quarter dollars which he brought with him were the only pieces of coin stamped in a particular die which had then left that city: and there are other omissions in the affidavit which the course of the trial might make material, and which Mr. T. might be able to supply.

If Mr. Tyler has not yet returned to New Orleans, and can take this city in his way home, he might examine and identify the coins, and give a full affidavit. I would then make application to the prisoner's counsel to receive it. If both these objects cannot be effected, and some day of the term later than the 25th. instant would be more convenient to Mr. Tyler, I could postpone the matter to that day.

I am, Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

P. R. Fendall, U. S. Atty. for D. C.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director, &c. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

From/ P. R. Fendall, Esq.,
U.S. Attorney for D.C.
Washington.
Oct. 11. 1841.
Rec'd " 13. "

Free
W. Forward

F.E.

R. M. Patterson Esq
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

WASHINGTON CITY D.C.
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Branch Mint New Orleans
October 12. 1841.

Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure to forward to you Copy of my account of incidental & Contingent expences for third quarter of the present year, and Copy of account Current 30 Ultimo.

My Contingent accounts and Bullion accounts have both gone forward to Washington. The account current of the latter is the same as the one forwarded to you last month.

I am
with great respect
Your faithful Servt
H Cammack

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 12. 1841.
Recd " 25. "

Dr. The United States, in Account with Horace C. Cammack, Treasurer of the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, of his account of the ordinary receipts & expenditures, for the quarter ending the 30th. of September, 1841. Cr.

1841				Dollars	Cts	1841				Dollars	Cts
Sept	30	To	Amount paid from 1st. July to 30th. September, inclusive, for the incidental & contingent expenses & repairs of the Mint.	4.375	78	June	30	By	Balance remaining in the Treasurer's hands as per account rendered to this date.	594	92
"	"	"	Amount paid for Wages of Laborers, employed in the Branch Mint.	4.531	25	July	30	"	Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the United States, No. 5718. for the incidental & contingent expenses, & repairs of the Mint; Wages of Laborers; & Salaries of the Officers & Clerks.	14.200	00
"	"	"	Amount paid for the Salaries of the Officers & Clerks, of the Branch Mint, for the quarter ending this day.	3.225	00						
"	"	"	Balance to new account	2.662	89						
				$14.794	92					$14.794	92

Branch Mint of the United States. New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office September 30th 1841.

H. C. Cammack
Trsr.

Account Current

Ordinary Expenses of the
Branch Mint, New Orleans.

Third Quarter of 1841.

Copy.

Dr. The United States, for the incidental & contingent expenses & repairs of the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the 1st July to the 30th September, 1841, inclusive, in pursuance of warrants of the Superintendent, of the marginal dates & numbers. Viz:

1841		Nos.			Dollars	Cts
July	30	318	To Benjamin Levy.	for Stationary for the Mint.	150	75
„	31	320	„ W. Whitney & Others	„ Watching the Mint in July	263	50
„	„	321	„ W. Parks & W. I. Boyd	„ services as Porter & doorKeeper	124	00
„	„	322	„ Samuel Smith	„ services as day watch &c in July	62	„
August	6	323	„ P. Louis Massey	„ Drugs for the melting dept.	412	78
„	„	324	„ Judah Barrett	„ Charcoal for the melting dept.	350	„
„	9	325	„ Prague & Sherman	„ Lumber for the melting dept.	22	50
„	„	326	„ Long & Smith	„ Copper & Iron, for melting & Coing. dept.	120	80
„	„	327	„ Parris & Andrews	„ Oil Vitriol for melting departmt.	18	86
„	„	328	„ John Clarke.	„ Blacksmith work for do do	127	60
„	„	329	„ Layton & Co	„ Hardware for the Mint	521	19
„	„	330	„ Leeds & Co	„ Melting Pots for melting dept.	270	98
„	„	331	„ Young Buzby & Co	„ Charcoal for melting dept.	70	00
„	10	332	„ Commercial WaterWorks	„ Hose & fixtures for the Mint	72	81
„	„	333	„ Zacharie Hillman & Co	„ Soap & Candles for melting dept.	57	91
„	„	334	„ John L. Clay.	Plumbing from 10th Aug 1840, to 6th Aug 41.	203	35
„	„	335	„ Jacob Baumiller	„ Hoisting Wheel for melting dept.	9.0	00
„	„	336	„ A. T. Simpson	„ Lumber for melting departmt.	11	17
„	„	337	„ Joseph L. Bossier	„ Charcoal for do do	22	80
„	17	338	„ Thompson Phillips	„ Carpenters work, do do	77	75
„	„	339	„ James Pench	„ Lumber for do do	21	16
„	„	340	„ William DeBuys	„ Ditto „ do do	44	36
„	20	341	„ Samuel Smith	„ Services as day Watch in August	30	00
„	28	342	„ John Craig & J. M. Reid	„ On a/c of rebuilding flues.	150	00
Septr.	2	343	„ John Craig & J. M. Reid	„ On a/c of rebuilding flues	200	00
„	4	345	„ W. Parks & W. I. Boyd	„ Services as Porter & doorkr. in August	124	00
„	„	346	„ John H. Wielage	„ Services as day watch in August	31	00
„	16	347	„ Chas. I. Wheeler	„ 1000. Fire Bricks, melting dept.	63	00
„				Carried forward	$3,714	27

1841			To Amount brought forward		3,714	27
Sept	16	348	" Herman Weicke	for Charcoal for melting dept.	50	00
"	20	349	" Rooney & McGinn	" Mason work for coining do	23	75
"	22	350	" John Craig & S. M. Reid	" On a/c of rebuilding flues.	350	00
"	24	351	" J. J. Wickes	" Expenses incurred acct. Mint.	46	76
"	"	352	" Alexander Kirkman & Co.	" One Fairbanks Scales for melting dept.	60	00
"	30	353	" Francisco Gomez.	" Building furnaces in melting dept.	45	00
"	"	356	" William Smith	" Repairing Boiler.	40	00
"	"	357	" George Jove	" Making & painting fence in Yard.	46	00
					$4,375	78

Branch Mint of the United States, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office September 30th 1841.

H. C. Cammack
Trsr.

Statement of
Incidental & Contingent
Expenses.

Third Quarter 1841.

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 14, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst., to the Director of the Mint, on the subject of Mr. Philos B. Tyler's attendance as a witness at the next session of the Criminal Court in your city, was received yesterday. I have shown it to Mr. Tyler, and, at his request, I now write to say that he will postpone his return to New Orleans so as to be in Washington on the 25th inst.; and he desires that the business may be so arranged as to detain him as short a time as possible.

~~The Director~~ Dr. Patterson is absent for a few days from the city.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
Geo. F. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To
P. R. Fendall, Esq.,
U. S. Attorney for D. C.

To/

P. R. Fendall, Esq.,
U. S. Attorney for D. C.,
Washington.

Oct. 14, 1841.

Mint U. S.

Oct. 15, 1841.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies, directed ~~addressed~~ upon the inner envelope to the Supt. of the Br. Mint of New Orleans, to be forwarded under your frank, as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. P., Director,
per Geo. F. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treas.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Oct. 15, 1841.

Treasury Department
October 16. 1841.

Sir

Yours of the 15th and the Box of dies referred to have been received. The box has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans as requested by you.

Very Respectfully

W Forward
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

P. S. The copy of a Letter from Messrs. Crocker Brothers & Co has also been received.

From

Sec. of Treasury.

Oct. 16, 1841.

Rec'd " 18. "

Memorandum of documents Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, accompanying Mr. Kennedy's letter of Nov. 4, (rec'd 15th) the documents being returned at the Supt's request.

No. 1. – Dr. Riddell to Mr. Kennedy, dated Oct. 16, 1841, asking whether the settlement urged in my letter of July 21st, will be like the Annual settlements made under warrants. Also whether his acct. of 1840, will be opened & an increased wastage allowed. – Also, that he was charged with the gross amt. of Mr. Maxwell's sweep 3000 lbs. 7 millièmes fine = 306.25 Stand. ozs.; & that if said sweep be sent to the smelters, his credit will be less than his charge, by the cost of smelting = on 3000 lbs to 232.25 St^d. ozs. Asks how he shall escape this loss. –

" – Mr. Kennedy's reply, dated Oct. 21, 1841: that the settlements for 1840 not being considered satisfactory, that acct. is still open, & new Wastage & other Warrants must be re-issued. As to Mr. Maxwell's sweep, refers to my letter of July 21st, 41. – Urges the immediate shipment of sweep as recommended in mine of July 21st, & suggests Monday, Oct. 25 as a day for a settlement of Dr. R's account

No. 2. Mr. Cammack to Mr. Kennedy, dated Oct. 30. That Dr. Riddell informs him that in his contemplated settlement, he purposed to introduce his sweep by estimate of the Assayer. Asks if this course is in conformity with my instructions. –

" Mr. Kennedy in reply, Oct. 30, 1841. Thinks the course proposed by Dr. R. not conformable to my instructions. That the Assayer's estimate cannot be introduced till it is known that the Smelters will take the sweep on that estimate; or unless Dr. Riddell pays over the market value, per estimate, & takes the sweep as his own, to be worked at his own expense. —

No. 3. Dr. Riddell to Mr. Kennedy Oct. 21. Reply to Mr. K.'s same date. (see No 1) that he will fix, with the Treasurer, upon a day for a settlement.

Dr. Riddell to Mr. Kennedy, Oct. 30, 1841. (for copy of this letter, see letter from Dr. R. to me, on file Nov. 12, '41.)

" — Mr. Kennedy to Dr. Riddell, Nov. 3, '41. Reply to above that the settlement cannot be made on the Assayer's estimate for reasons given in the letter to Mr. Cammack of Oct. 30th, (see No. 2;) Referring to Dr. R.'s excuse for the large amt. of his wastage, Mr. K. says: "There is one part of your letter upon which I will make a single remark, solely with a view of reminding you that I am in no degree censurable for the existence of the necessity of an operation in your Department, to which you trace the large amt. of your wastage. It is that in which you refer to a communication of mine to you of the

26 Jan. last, relative to the casting into ingots all the bullion in your possession, "without any reservation whatever of fine silver for raising the standard of deposits." That order was issued after a statement by you, both to the Treasurer and myself, that you had a method of refining, which w'd render the keeping on hand of that fine silver, unnecessary."

No. 4. Mr. Cammack to Mr. Kennedy, Nov. 1,'41 with copy of Statements, by Dr. Riddell, of the gold & silver bullion in his possession. That he (Mr. C.) had declined the settlement according to these statements, on account of the *sweeps* introduced (See Statements enclosed.)

No. 5. Memorandums enclosed

No. 6. Mr. Kennedy to Mr. Cammack, Nov. 3d, asking him to have weighed the *bullion* in Dr. Riddell's hands, as per his statement. (Se No. 4.) & then to return it again to be melted That Dr. R. having declined to settle according to the Director's instructions nothing more can be done for the present. Asks Mr. C.'s recollection of Dr. R's statement as to the necessity of keeping fine silver to raise standard of deposits. (See conclusion of No. 3.) —

Mr. Cammack in reply, Nov. 4, '41.

Enclosing statement* of the weighing requested, which nearly agreed with Dr. Riddell's.

That the American coins, in Dr. R.'s statement, were changed for Mex. dolls., which were weighed as so much bullion, & that after weighing, the whole was again left in the hands of the Mr R. (Dr. R.).—

That his recollection of Dr. R's statement as to the necessity of fine silver was that he should no longer need it, having discovered a mode of refining which will enable him to procure fine silver when needed.

* Statement of Treasurer's weighing enclosed.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 23 Novr 1841.

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5th instant, with my account with you up to 30 Ultimo.

In July last I drew a draft on you in favor of Dr Hort for Two hundred Dollars - which is not charged against me. I conclude that it has not been presented.

In a letter which I find on file in my Office from the Secretary of the Treasury, of old date, it is said that, "when bullion is presented for coinage, no more must be received by the Mint, than can, probably, be coined within the time prescribed by law &c," I will be obliged to you if you will inform me what time it is the law allows for coining. I have not been able to find the law alluded to.

We have had cool weather, and frost. It is considered safe for Strangers to come to town.

I am, very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
H. C. Cammack
Treasr.

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Oct. 23d. 1841.
Recd. Nov. 4. "

-tained in your letter of the 6th instant, and that the time I have spent in enumerating our duties, has been lost. I have err'd how-ever on the *safe* side -

very respectfully
Yr. obedt. servt.
Jo. McClurney

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Phila.

P. S. The second resolution cannot apply, I am sure to the cases of *Ernst* and *McCarthy*. They are the only two men that have been dismissed from the Mint since I came into it.

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 27. 1841.
Recd Nov. 8. "

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
October 27th 1841.

Sir,

Being uncertain as to the _extent_ of the information required from me in your letter of the 6th instant, and at a loss whether I am to communicate to you, in relation to the persons employ'd in this Branch Mint, such only as you do not already possess, I have concluded to make my statement as full, as that required by the resolution of which you have furnished me with a copy. It may be, that I have taken unnecessary pains, and gone into details which you have not contemplated: if so, it is because I prefer that you should say, I have entered into particulars that were useless, than that you should find the information you desire, incomplete –

I will begin by the _Treasurer_.

This Officer receives a Salary of $2000 p. annum. The duties which he is required by law to perform, are, to receive and safely keep all monies which shall be for the use and support of the Mint – to keep all the current accounts of, and pay all moneys due by, the Mint – to receive all bullion brought to the Mint for coinage – to keep all the bullion and coins in the Mint not legally placed in the hands of other Officers, and, on warrants from the Superintendent, to deliver all coins struck at the Mint to the persons to whom they shall be legally payable – to keep regular and faithful accounts of all the transactions of the Mint in bullion and coins, both with the Officers of the Mint and the depositors, and to present quarter yearly to the Treasury Department of the U. S. an account of the receipts and disbursements of the Mint, for the purpose of being adjusted and settled. He is further required, from the report of the Assayer, and the weight of the bullion, to estimate the value of each deposite, and also the amount of the charges or deductions, if any (which charges are enumerated in the 18th. Section of the act supplementary to the act entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the U. S.") of all which, he shall give a detailed memorandum to the depositor, together with a certificate, under his hand, of the net amount of the deposite – to transfer, from time to time to the Melter & Refiner parcels of bullion to be formed into ingots, and to keep a careful record of these transfers, noting the weight and character of the bullion, to receive from the Melter & Refiner the ingots thus prepared, if they prove to be within the limits allowed for ~~the~~ deviation from the standar keeping a careful record of each transfer — to keep an account with the Melter & Refiner of all the bullion placed in his hands, debiting him with the standard weight thereof, and of all the ingots delivered by him, crediting him also with their standard weight, and to settle his accounts with the said Melter & Refiner, at least once in every year — The Treasurer is further required to deliver over from time to time to the Coiner, ingots for the purpose of coinage, to keep a careful record of these transfers, noting the weight and description of the ingots — to see that the coins delivered by that Officer are within the legal limits of the standard weight — to take, indiscriminately, in the presence of the Assayer, at every delivery of coins made by the Coiner, the number of pieces of each variety, prescribed by the Director, for the annual trial of coins which he shall carefully label and deposite in a chest appropriated for the purpose, kept under the joint care of himself and the Assayer, and so secured, that neither can have access to its contents without the presence of the other — to keep a careful record of the amount of the clippings and other portions of bullion remaining after the process of coining, which shall be delivered to him by the Coiner, and in his account with that Officer, to debit him with the amount in weight of standard metal of all the bullion placed in his hands, and to credit him with the amount

ated by weight, of all the coins, clippings and other bullion recd by him from said Coiner, whose accounts he shall also settle once at least in every year.
He has two clerks, with a salary of $1200 per annum each. To the business of the Office they devote the whole day - The Treasurer, speaking for himself in a communication to me, says: "The whole of my time is subject to the discharge of these duties, tho they require sometimes only a portion of it, according to the extent of the operations of the Mint."

The law makes it the duty of the Assayer carefully to assay all metals used in coinage whenever such assays are required in the operations of the Mint, all bullion remaining from the operation of the assay to be returned by him to the Treasurer, and also to make assays of coins whenever instructed to do so by the Superintendent - to report to the Treasurer the quality or standard of the bullion assayed by him, and to communicate to the Treasurer such information as will enable him to estimate the amount of the charges to be made to the depositor for the expenses of converting the bullion into standard metal, fit for coinage - His salary is $2000 per annum - Dr. Hort has no particular hours, holding himself ready, if necessary to attend to business at any time during the day. He attends

however, with few exceptions, he has been able to accomplish all that he has been called on to do, between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. These are his own words. He adds: "Only one hand is employ'd in my depart=
" ment whose duty it is to remain in the department
" as diligently employed as circumstances may require
" during the appointed working hours in the Mint
" say from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. As he stands
" more in the character of an assistant to the As=
" =sayer than a mere workman and must be possessed
" of some practical chemical knowledge and general
" ingenuity, and would be hard to replace, I have
" since 1838 allowed him $3 pr. day".

The Melter & Refiner is required by law to execute all the operations which are necessary in order to form ingots of standard silver or gold suitable for the Coiner, from the metals legally delivered to him for that purpose, to be transfer'd by him to the Treasurer, accompanied by the Assayer's certificate of their fineness. The salary of this Officer is $2000 per annum - His department has five men, the foreman of the Melting room receiving $3.25 pr day, the foreman of the Separating room $3.25, and three others $2.50 each. Their hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Winter, and one hour later in Summer.

It is incumbent upon the **Coiner** to execute all the operations which are necessary in order to form coins conformable in all respects to the law, from the standard silver and gold ingots legally delivered to him for this purpose, which coins he is required from time to time, as they are prepared to deliver over to the Treasurer. He receives $2000 pr. annum and is allowed fourteen men to carry on his operations — They receive the following wages. The coiner's assistant $3.25 pr. day — The adjuster of coins and Foreman 3.84. — The foreman and pressman of coining room 3.25 — The two annealers one 3.25 the other 3.00 — The Engineer and Foreman of the Rolling Room 3.00 — Two workmen in Rolling room, one 3.00, the other 2.00 — The three workmen in Drawing and Punching room, two of them 2.75, the other 2.50 — One Miller and bleacher 3.00 — One Fireman 2.25 — and One Machinist 3.25 —

The hours are the same as in the Melting Department —

The **Night Watch** consists of four men who are on duty from sunset to sunrise — The Captain gets $2.50 pr. day and the other three $2.

The **Porter** and **Door Keeper** each receive $2. pr. day, as also a ~~day~~ labourer whose duty it is to wheel wood and coal and keep the yard clean, and who also serves as a day watch - They are at their several posts from Sunrise till Sunset.

The duties of the Superintendent are not set forth in detail by the law. His title however sufficiently indicates the nature of his office - He has the control and management of the Mint, and the Superintendence of the Officers and persons employ'd therein. He must see that the business of the Institution is carried on, conformably, in all respects, to the legal provisions by which it is governed, and to the instructions ~~of~~ laid down by the Director of the Mint of the U. S, and that it be made to answer as completely as possible, the purposes of its creation - The time that he devotes to those duties must necessarily vary with the extent of the business to be transacted - The signing of the warrants, and an occasional visit to the different departments (each one of which has a head, an officer commissioned in the same manner as himself) to see that all is right, does not require any considerable time - The importance of the office lies in the responsibility which is attached to it, and in the correspondence. It is the province of the Superintendent to correspond with the Director upon all matters concerning the Mint - with the different Officers touching the business of their several departments, Sometimes with the Secy of the Treasury, and not unfrequently with persons unconnected with the Establishment, giving such information as they ask for in regard to it - As I am allowed no Clerk, and am compelled to copy my own letters, I find this by far the most arduous of the duties I have to perform - I have no fixed period of the day for going to the Mint, where you know that I do not reside, but have always been in it when my presence there has been required. The time which I generally devote to the business of the Institution is, I shd think from 3 to 4 hours a day, sometimes it is longer. The Salary of the Superintendent is $2500 per annum - So far from diminishing the number of persons employ'd in the Mint, we would get along much better with the addition of two others in the Melting department. The wages of the men are not unreasonable, with every thing as high as it is in New Orleans and with regard to the Salaries of the Officers and Clerks, it is my honest conviction, that mine is the only one which is not insufficient

Now that my task is over, I feel satisfied that I have given you much more than was necessary to meet the requisition +

Branch Mint of the United States
New Orleans, Aſsayer's Office
October 30th 1841.

I certify that after seeing the whole amount of sweep in the possession of the Melter & Refiner most carefully mixed, & Samples most fairly taken, I have aſsayed the same & find the following to be the result confirmed by various Experiments.

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5 Oz: of Sweep yeild 14 grains of fine Silver, which is Equal to 186,63 Oz: fine silver per Ton or 207,36 Oz: Standard Silver per Ton worth $241,30

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14 grains as above of fine silver contain 12/2 In Gold then 186,63 Oz: fine Silver, the product of One Ton of Sweep will give 2,592 Oz fine Gold, or 2,880 Oz: Stand.d Gold, worth $53,58 per Ton of sweep.

Branch Mint of the United States
New Orleans, Assayer's Office
October 30th 1841.

I certify that after seeing the whole amount of sweep in the possession of the Melter & Refiner most carefully mixed, & samples most fairly taken, I have assayed the same & find the following to be the result confirmed by various experiments.

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5 oz: of Sweep yeild 14 grains of fine Silver, which is equal to 186.63 oz: fine silver per Ton or 207.36 oz: Standard Silver per Ton worth $241.30

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14 grains as above of fine silver contain 12/2 In Gold then 186.63 oz: fine Silver, the product of One Ton of Sweep will give 2.592 oz fine Gold, or 2.880 oz: Standd. Gold, worth $53.58 per Ton of sweep.

But of the whole amount of sweep, I find by secondary assays, Thirteen Barrels marked D.H & I. containing about 4000 lbs. to be already so thoroughly worked & so poor as to be no longer available, & they should be altogether rejected in the settlement of the sweep. after repeated experiments, the whole amount of Silver remaining in said sweep does not exceed from $40 to 45, which would not bear the expense of further working here, or anywhere else.

(Signed) William P. Hort
Assayer.

Estimate of sweeps.
As per Assayer's report October 30th 1841.

The whole amount of sweep is a few lbs. short of ten tons. In the ten tons there are —— 2,073.60 standard ounces of silver.

Of this 2/10 (4200 lbs) contain only —— 36.67 standard ℥ Silver, rejecting which 7 9/10 tons (158 quintals) containing —— 2,03~~4~~6.93℥ of standard Silver remains.

Of this 158 quintals, 30 quintals are Maxwell's sweep, given to me without deduction for smelting, 158 − 30 = 128 quintals, the sweep I have made.

128.
$8. Cost per quintal for smelting.
$1024.— Cost of smelting my sweep.

Now the value of the Gold contained in the sweep is
$535.80

Deduction for smelting to be taken from the Silver } $488.20 = 419.54℥ Standard.

2,073.60
419.54
Nett value of the sweeps 1,654.06℥ stand.d of Silver.

Melter & Refiner's Office
October 30th 1841.

(Signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

No. 5

Recd Nov. 15/41

Statement of Silver Bullion, offered in settlement by the Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint, of the United States, New Orleans, October 30th 1841.

Description	Gross weights		Title	Stand. Weights	
9. Bars, No. 26. mixed	374	00	740	603	51
1. do " 27. Bullion	76	00	723	61	05
10. " " 32.	2,450	90	750	2,042	41
3 " " 33.	637	25	757	535	99
2 " " 34.	506	05	978	549	90
4 " " 35.	1,080	60	756	907	70
1 " " 36	463	40	565	290	91
3 " " 37. 38. & 39.	1,721	95	890	1,702	81
1 " " 40.	134	20	810	120	60
1 " " 41.	206	90	867	199	31
" 758d.	578	00	896	575	43
Clippings	600	00	900	600	00
Netz Value of Sweeps, as per assay, & accompanying Estimate, the gross or true Value being $2,903.80 —				1,654	07
Wastage for 1840. made full —				275	90
Wastage for 1841. (on 800.301.58) —				1,600	60
12 Barrels of old iron pots, with adhering silver, market value $7.00 per bbl. $84.	72	18			
In acid in Separating room. —	150	00			
This amt, if objected to in its present form, I will	222	18			
advance in American Silver Coins. —				222	18
Deficiency, advanced by me in American Silver Coins (U.S.)				947	71
Amounting to the balance against me in Treasurer's Silver Account				12,918	08

Melter & Refiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, October 30th 1841.
(Signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner.

Statement of Gold Bullion, offered in Settlement by the Melter & Refiner of the United States Branch Mint, at New Orleans. October 30." 1841.

Description	Gross Weight		Title	Standard Wt.	
No. 25.	53	80	809	48	36
26 } mixed Bullion	740	00	34	27	95
27 }	75	00	31	2	58
28	6	10	176	1	19
29	58	80	845	55	20
30	40	90	900	40	90
31	38	10	913½	38	671
Clippings	64	60	900	64	60
Grains & Filings, (if rejected to be replaced by coins belonging to me,)				2	000
Wastage	10.671	531		18	460
Amounting to the balance against me.				299	911

Melter & Refiners Office
U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Oct 30." 1841.

(Signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner.

No. 4.

Recd Nov. 15. '41.

(Copy)

Melter & Refiner's office
Branch Mint New Orleans Oct 30.
1841.

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendant
Sir,

Having at last received the Assayer's report on my sweeps, I hasten to redeem the pledge contained in my note of the 21st Oct. to reply more at length to your letter of the same date.

This morning I apprised the Treasurer that I was ready to make the settlement of my bullion accounts at any hour which might suit his convenience. I shall on monday morning leave with him statements of the silver and gold bullion offered in settlement. By inspecting them with the accompanying estimates, you will perceive that the gross value of the sweep is $2903.80, as deduced from careful mixing, weighing and repeated assaying. (Vide assayer's report.) The allowance of $8. per quintal made by the Philadelphia mint to the New York Smelters, would amount on the sweep I have made to $1024. This sum deducted from the gross value would leave the nett value of the sweep to be

$1.654\frac{7}{100}$ ounces of standard silver; which amount I have offered to introduce after the manner of annual settlements, as provided for by ~~law~~ our instructions, and customary in Philadelphia Reckoning the sweeps at this nett value there is a deficiency in my silver account, over or above the limits of wastage allowed by law, of $947\frac{71}{100}$ standard ounces, to meet which I have prepared myself to advance American silver coins

About the last of August and first of September, I made assays of the sweep and estimated as closely as practicable the amount of bullion in my possession. I then became convinced that by deducting $8. per quintal from the large amount of sweep I had, to pay for smelting, it would leave me as I then supposed 500 or 600 ounces of silver deficient. I found also that I had already worked much of the sweep far too poor to pay for smelting. I should have formally reported these matters to you at the time, [you will remember I have frequently communicated the same to you in private conversation] but I wished first to be confirmed or undeceived by the more careful assays made by the assayer, whose operations, as well as mine, have been until a week since wholly stopped on account of the building of chimneys. However, to save myself from impending loss, I spared no pains as you may be aware, in prosecuting experiments and preparing myself to extract more metal from the sweep than what the New York smelters would allow. I now feel a confidence bordering on moral certainty, that unless causes unforeseen should intervene, I will be able to produce more than the nett amount of bullion from said sweep, now barrelled up, marked and kept distinct; without putting the mint hereafter to any more than the ordinary expense, or impeding its operations; — say by the time of our usual annual settlement, the first of January. If shipped abroad, it is doubtful whether the nett bullion would be obtained from it much sooner.

In your letter of the 21st inst. you say "It is evident the director looks upon the entire sweep now on hand as sold to Greenfield and Longmaan." So far as I have been a party to the matter, the sale was merely under treaty, the negociation was pending, but not completed. I did intend to ship it to Philadelphia, until I found — first, that my account would be short by so doing; and second, that I could myself easily extract considerably more value from it than the New York Smelters would allow. Had it not been for the rebuilding of the chimneys and furnaces connected with them, which has for two months past required most of my attention, I might perhaps now have produced you the bullion from the sweep. Of my ability to do so I can furnish proof by reference to the assayer's report. He finds that 4200 lbs of the sweep has been worked so low, that it contains only $45. or about $1. per quintal; whereas the New York Smelters require a payment of $8. per quintal for working.

You will here remark, that I offer an estimate of the sweeps in settlement at their *nett* or *market* value, advancing the deficiency in the silver account myself, so that if the sweep were actually sold, my account would be closed; entailing on me however, a material loss; and it is solely to avoid or meet this loss, that I have qualified and prepared myself to extract the precious metal therefrom. Had this condition of things occurred from carelessness, disobedience of orders, or even want of skill on my part, I should view the matter in a very different light from its present aspect. The real causes which led to an unusual and unavoidable waste of silver in my department, may be recounted thus:—

1st. In January last the late Secretary of the Treasury, not aware that it would greatly embarrass the operations of the mint, withdrew our bullion fund, near $120.000. by drafts payable on demand.

2nd. Consequently, to enable the mint promptly to meet these requisitions, and at the same time keep its engagements with depositors, you gave me the following order, dated 26th January 1841. You require of me to use the utmost despatch in "the melting and
"casting into ingots, (without any reservation
"whatever of fine silver for raising the standard
"of deposites) all the bullion" in my custody.
With this order I complied to the best of my ability, making no reservation of fine silver. Thus, as my test furnace could not be used for want of an adequate flue, I became deprived of the proper means of raising low standard silver ~~deposites~~ up to our legal standard 900. Subsequent to this there was received of silver deposites below our standard

	Ounces dec		
In January	31.769.65		
March	55.801.04		
April	34.390.60		
May	74.185.92		
June	97.742.35		
July	351.42		Standard ounces
August	272.89	Total	293.850.78

During all this time there came in of silver above our standard only 4.209.$\frac{05}{100}$ standard ounces. This was sufficient perhaps to raise ~~the~~ our standard near 40000 a 50.000 ounces of the low standard deposites; leaving a balance of near 250.000 ounces, whose ~~standard ounces, whose~~ standard I was compelled to elevate by the well known wasteful process of refining by nitre. There was no alternative. Depositors could not wait to have their bullion refined by acid. There was no sufficient bullion fund to render as assistance. I must either run the risk of refining by nitre or stop the operations of the mint. I did the best I could to convert the bullion speedily into standard ingots. I anticipated a considerable loss — was repeatedly warned by the assayer that such would ensue, the silver being dissipated in fumes with the smoke of the furnace from the deflagration with nitre; — but I expected the wastage allowance would keep me safe from *personal* loss, supposing with some of the other officers of the mint, that the sweeps would be worked at the expense of the mint; if sent abroad for that purpose. I was fully of this expectation until on the 7th of August you first showed me &c.

Patterson's letter of the 21st of July.

The loss consequent upon refining the 250000 ounces by nitre, reducing the skimmings, and repeatedly refining in the same manner the metal obtained, cannot I presume have been less than 1700 standard ounces. But for this loss I might produce bullion to settle my account independent of the sweep; the proceeds of it going to diminish the allowance for wastage.

Under all these circumstances I doubt not you will assent to the propriety of giving me a reasonable time to extract the bullion from the sweep in hand in my legal custody, which I have prepared myself promptly to do; and in the mean time that you will direct that the assayer's report on the value of the sweeps, and the estimate of the nett value based thereon, be acknowledged as is customary in the settlement directed. In April last you issued your warrant for transferring to my debit the sweeps of the late melter and refiner, 3000 lbs. at their gross value $356.36. Had $8. per quintal been deducted, as in the said estimate of my sweep, the nett value would have been only $116.36. Yet you have wished me to sell said sweep, incurring con unconditional loss of $240. But now with all the above cited circumstances of loss before you, I am sure the marked injustice of it will be apparent. You have charged me $356.36 for what you have proposed to take out of my custody and credit me only $116.36.

In conclusion if you finally suppose it your official duty to persist in requiring the sweeps to be shipped immediately, I shall regret the necessity of the issue made up, but shall abide by the decisions of the higher authorities to which we are amenable.

Respectfully
Your Obedient
Servant
J. L. Riddell,
Melter & Refiner.

Aſsayers Office N. O. 30 Oct 184

Dr. Wm L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Sir

I have received your note asking my opinion of the whole amount of Sweep in your poſseſsion — As I saw it thoroughly mixed, well packed in barrels, much of it weighed, & took the aſsays from every barrel, of which I believe there are 64 or 65, I have no hesitation in giving it as my opinion that you must have an amount of about ten tons —

Respectfully Yours

Wm P. Hort

Aſsayer

Letter of B. Hart on
Weight of Sweets
Oct. 30. 1841

Dr. Jno. L Riddell
Mt Pl
N. O

Rec'd Nov. 19. '41

Duplicate Report of the Sweep.

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Aſsayer's Office 30 Oct: 1841

I certify that after seeing the whole amount of Sweep in the poſseſsion of the Melter & Refiner most carefully mixed, & samples most fairly taken, I have aſsayed the same, & find the following to be the result, confirmed by various experiments.

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But of the whole amount of Sweep, I find thirteen barrels, marked **P, H & I** containing about 4000 lbs to be already so thoroughly worked & so poor, as to be no longer available, & they should be altogether rejected in the settlement of the Sweep. After repeated experiments the whole amount of Silver remaining in said Sweep, does not exceed from $40 to $45, which would not bear the expence of working further here or any where else

Wm. P. Hort
Aſsayer

Recd. Nov. 19.41.

New Orleans. Novemb. 2d 1841.

Sir -

Dr J. L. Riddell the melter & refiner of the U. S. Branch Mint in this City has our names as his bonds for the amount of $10.000. He was informed by us some months since that we intended to withdraw, and were requested by him to wait about two weeks until his accounts with the government were settled. Not wishing by this transaction to inflict any personal annoyance upon Dr Riddell we have awaited his movements a reasonable time, & having given him due notice this day of this letter & its contents we will be greatly obliged to you to order that Dr Riddell's accounts be settled. his bonds cancelled & the securities discharged as soon as it may be convenient.

We remain Sir

with great consideration

your obedt Servants.

James Jones.

Warren & Stone

Dr R. M. Patterson.

U. S. Mint.

From
Mess. James Jones, &
Warren Stone.
New Orleans
Nov. 2/41.
Recd. 12th.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Superintendent U. S.
Mint. Philada. Pa.

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Branch Mint New Orleans Nov. 3. 1841

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director

Sir — I deem it proper without further postponement to lay my position before you. With this view I inclose you a copy of my letter of the 30th ult. to our Superintendant. I am not yet advised of the course he intends pursuing relative to the main subject therein contained. I doubt not however he will follow what he supposes to be the strict path of duty, [illegible] having special reference to your instructions. These you have power to issue or modify as circumstances require. To you therefore do we usually look for the ultimate decision of all questions of importance at issue.

I will not here repeat a word of the letter referred to, but will remark to you in addition, that in attempting to screen myself from threatening loss by undertaking to extract more than the nett value so called, or market value of the sweep therefrom, myself, I am resolved to submit to the personal loss alluded to, and sell the sweep as you have recommended rather than to keep the mint deprived of the said value in the form of available bullion, for any length of time which might be deemed improper or unreasonable.

Respectfully your Ob't Serv't,
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

From
Dr. J. L. Riddell,
Meltr & Refr. of Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Nov. 3 /41.
Recd. 12th.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
November 4. 1841.

Sir,

Dr. Riddell declines settling his account according to my understanding of your letter of the 21 Sept last, which I hope has been correct. He now insists upon keeping his Sweep here and working it himself. A perusal of my correspondence on the subject with the Treasurer and the Melter and Refiner himself, and of the other documents in relation thereto, all of which are enclosed, will place the matter completely before you.

Allow me to ask of you the favor, to return, when you will no longer have any use for them, the originals herewith transmitted, as well as the others that I have heretofore had occasion to send you. I have done so only when time has been wanting to make the copies.

I am very respectfully
Yr obedt Servant
J. M. Kennedy

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the U. S. - Phila

P.S. I acknowledge receipt of 2 pr. of 1/4 dollar dies. We commenced taking deposites on the 1st instant & expect to be in full operation by Monday next.

(From)
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 4/41.
Rec.d 15th.

Account of Bullion weighed for the Melter & Refiner & R. on 4 November 1841 & left in his possession by order of the Superintendent, under date of 3 November.

Gold

			fineness	
No 25.		53.80.	809.	53.20
26 }	mixed Bullion	734 -	34.	27.92
27. }		75 -	31.	2.58
28		6.10	176.	1.19
29		58.80	845	55.20
30.		40.90	900	40.90
31.		38.10	913.5	38.671
	Clippins.		900	64.60
	Foreign Coins		900	2.
				286.061

Silver

No 26.	9 bars } mixed.	734.	740	603.57
27.	1 bar }	76	723	61.05
32.	10 bars	2450.90	750	2.042.41
33.	3 "	637.25	757	535.99
34	2 "	506.05	978	549.90
35.	4 "	1080.60	756	907.70
36.	1 "	463.40	565	290.91
37.38.39.	3 "	1721.95	890	1702.81
40.	1 "	134.20	810	120.78
41.	1 "	206.90	867	199.31
	mexican dollars	578.	896	575.43
	clippings	600	900	600.

Mexican dollars exchanged by the M&R. & given in lieu of the american Coins mentioned in his account 1175.25

gross ——— at — 896 — 1.169.88

9.359.68

Branch Mint, N. Orleans
Treasurers office 4 Novr 1841

H. Cammack
Tr.

No. 6.

Rec'd Nov. 15/41.

Mint U.S.

~~Oct~~ Nov. 4th, 1841.

Sir,

I have this day received your letter of the 23d ult. I am glad to learn from it that you consider it safe to return to New Orleans, as Mr. Tyler has set out, for this purpose, with some of his party unacclimated.

The draft of which you speak, in favor of Dr. Hort, has been since presented and paid.

Your funds left in my hands are entirely exhausted, and you will see by the annexed statement of Mr. Dunning, that we are in immediate need of an additional deposite. ~~I beg you, therefore, to attend to this matter.~~ Perhaps the best method of effecting this object, would be for the Superintendent, to ask the Secretary of the Treasury for a warrant in my favor,— explaining the circumstances under which it is asked.

The ~~old~~ letter from the ~~order of the Secretary of~~ the Treasury Department ~~of which~~ respecting deposites for coinage, with regard to which you ask for information, is as great a mystery to me as to yourself.— There is no law or order setting a limit to the time allowed for coinage.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. P.

To
H. C. Cammack, Esq,
Treasurer of Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Dr. Treasurer of New Orleans Br. Mint in acct. with R. M. Patterson, Cr.

		$	cts			$	cts
1841.				1841.			
Oct. 4.	To amt. pd. H. L. Lipman	4	00	Oct. 1,	By Balance per act. rend.d	529	86
" " "	" " " ~~drawing paper~~ Geo. Tyler,	12	00				
" 28,	" " " Mrs. S. M. Moore	200	00	Nov. 4,	By Balance	10	45
Nov. 1,	" " " Geo. Eckfeldt	10	00				
"	" " " Lucius S. Tyler	36	00				
2,	T. J. Dyre	88	81				
3,	Wm. Smith, on act.,	164	–				
4,	Marshall & Brock	25	50				
		540	31			540	31
Nov. 4,	To Bal. per contra	10	45				
	Bills payable:						
	Abm. Miller	140	45				
	Wm. Smith, balance	100	–				
	Others not presented say	249	10				
	Sum needed	500	90				

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.

Nov. 4, 1841.

November 1841

Branch Mint New Orleans Nov. 8th. 1841

Sir — I inclose you a duplicate of the assayer's report on the quality of the Sweep, dated 30th Oct. and also a letter of his relative to the quantity. Accompanying them (on another page of this sheet) is a copy of my estimate of their nett value, as offered in the examination of my account.

	oz. dw
The nett value of the Sweep	1.654.07
Added to amount of silver bullion weighed and estimated by the Treasurer, Nov. 4.	9.387.51
With full wastage for 1841 to Nov. 4.	1.600.60
And wastage made full for 1840, my wastage account having been re-opened by our superintendant	275.90
Amounts to the balance of silver against me in the Treasurer's books	12.918.08

There is no difficulty in regard to the gold, a sufficiency of bullion having been tendered.

I have had the misfortune to disoblige and offend some of my sureties, by refusing to loan money. I wrote some days since to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking him to instruct the district attorney of this district to accept a new bond and cancel the old one. This I should have done sooner, but I wanted certain assay reports, and the assay department has been only a short time in operation.

On the 2d inst. I wrote to you, and sent a copy ~~and sent a copy~~ of my letter to Mr. Kennedy dated 30th Oct.

Respectfully your Obt Servant
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director.

Estimate of Sweeps

As per assayer's report, Oct. 30. 1841.

The whole amount of Sweep is a few lbs. short of 10 tons.

In the 10 tons there are Stand. oz of silver	oz. dw 2.073.60
2 1/10 tons contain only $45. =	38.67
rejecting which 7 9/10 tons remain, containing	2.034.93

Now 7 9/10 tons = 158 quintals

Of this 30 quintals is Maxwell's sweep, given to me without deduction for smelting. 158 − 30 = 128 quintals. sweep which I have made.

128 × $8 = $ 1024. = cost of smelting my sweep.

Now the value of the gold contained in the sweep is — — — — — — $535.80

$1024 − $535.80 = $488.20 = 419.54 (oz. dw) = deduction for smelting to be taken from the silver.

2.073.60
419.54
1.654.06. Stand. ounces, the nett value of the sweeps.

Melter & Refiner's Office
U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Oct. 30. 1841.

J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

From/ Dr. J. L. Riddell,
Melter & Refiner,
New Orleans.

Nov. 8. 1841.

Recd " 19. "

Mint of the United States.
Nov. 12th, 1841.

Sir,

I have this morning received a letter from Dr. Riddell, ~~the~~ Melter & Refiner of the New-Orleans Branch Mint, in which he states that his sweep, after mixing &c., has been assayed by Dr. Hort, the Assayer of the Mint, and its value ascertained with care, and duly certified.

I write to you for the purpose of knowing whether you will be willing to take this sweep upon the valuation thus determined, ~~at New-Orleans~~, so that it may be sent directly to New York; — and, if so, at what deduction per Cent. for smelting. My proposition is that the sweep be sent to our agent, J. H. Furness, at New York, and that you pay the value, in Specie or Specie funds, on its being placed in your hands.

I have not the particulars as to this sweep, but it is poor, and the estimated gross value is $2903.80. ~~I infer its poorness~~ Although the weight of the sweep is not stated,

~~from the Statement that an allowance of $8 per Cent. to the Smelter would reduce the net value to $1024. — Your charge, however, being to us $7 instead of 8 $7 to us, (which I presume you are not disposed to exceed,) the value to be paid by you will, exceed this amount. I suppose, be about $1270.~~

~~The instructions which I shall give to the Superintendent at New Orleans, will depend upon the tenor of your answer.~~

I infer, from the estimated cost of Smelting, that it is about 235 Cwt.

The instructions which I shall send to New Orleans will depend upon the tenor of your answer.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,

To/
Geo. Greenfield, Esq.
Sweep-Smelter,
New York.

To/ Geo. Greenfield, Esq.
Sweep-smelter,
New York.

Nov. 12/41.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 16th, 1841.

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the 14th inst., with the enclosures presenting the correspondence between yourself and the Treasurer and Melter & Refiner, on the subject of the sweep still in the hands of the latter. I had received, on the 12th inst., ~~a co~~ from Dr. Riddell, a copy of his letter to you of the 30th ult., with a simple note asking my decision of the question at issue, and saying:

"I will not here repeat &c. —— improper or unreasonable." [Copy last paragraph of Dr. Riddell's letter of Nov. 3, rec. 12th.]

I regret exceedingly that Dr. Riddell has failed to follow my ~~urgent~~ advice that he would have his sweep smelted, so as to ~~be~~ obtain its true market value, and thus be able to have a settlement of his account. I again after fully considering the whole question, ~~give~~ offer the same advice. I do not consider myself authorized to give explicit instructions in the case, because the matter more properly belongs to you, and because if ~~he~~ Dr. Riddell can do better with his sweep he ~~ought not~~ should be allowed to do so. But if he does not take the course recommended, he must take care that he do not pursue another which will give rise to further delay, or to additional expense to the Mint.

On the question of time, the matter is urgent. I have received a letter, dated Nov. 2d., from Messrs. Jones and Stone, ~~Dr. Roe~~ the sureties on Dr. Riddell's bond, stating ~~their intentions~~ that they had informed him, some months since, that they intended to withdraw their ~~name~~ suretyship: that he requested them to wait about two weeks until his accounts with the government were settled: that they had awaited his movements a reasonable time, and having given him notice, that day, ~~[Nov. 2d.]~~ of their letter to me, they now applied to me to order his accounts to be settled, his bonds cancelled, and the securities discharged.

Now the only courses for a prompt settlement of the account in question are two; first for Dr. Riddell to ~~settle~~ pay the balance necessary to bring his wastage within the ~~allowance~~ legal limit of allowance in specie, and take the sweeps himself, to make ~~the~~ on it ~~his~~ the proposed experiments in which he has so much confidence; and, secondly, to send his sweeps to Mr. Greenfield, the smelter at New York.

If the first be selected, the smelting, or solution, or whatever process is followed, must not be done at the cost of the Mint, as such a course would be contrary to practice, and to the plain meaning of the law. It would be transferring the waste of metal, to a waste of ~~in~~ chemical materials, fuel, and labor, perhaps equally expensive to the government.

As to the ~~second~~ alternative, which I think Dr. Riddell ought to select, I ~~have~~ made inquiry of the house of Greenfield, ~~by~~ a letter of which I send you a copy ~~is enclosed~~, and I have this morning had a personal visit from the operative partner, Mr. Longman, in which he acceded to the terms I proposed, the charge for smelting being $7.50 ℘ cwt. — If you adopt my recommendation in this matter, you will please to ~~send~~ forward the sweep to J. H. Furness Esq., ~~Newark~~, N.Y., and ~~give~~ send me a copy of the bill of lading, that I may give him the necessary instructions. Send me also an ~~careful~~ account of the weight and estimated value of the sweep &c., with Dr. Hart's certificate.

Mr. Longman agrees to take the old pots at $7 per barrel.

He thinks the sweep rejected by Drs. Hart & Riddell, as not worth smelting, must have been undervalued, unless, indeed, it be made up of broken bricks and the like. He does not think it possible to reduce ordinary Mint Sweep so low, ~~without employing the high furnace &c.~~ by the usual ~~mechanical~~ processes employed at the Mints. This matter may be worth Dr. Riddell's attention.

I confess that I think the affair of Mr. Maxwell's sweep is ~~matter~~ a subject of just complaint on the part of Dr. Riddell, as matters now stand with him. I had no idea, when this question was before presented to me, that Dr. Riddell would approach so near to ~~the~~ legal limit of wastage, as to make ~~this oversight on his omission to estimate the cor valu~~ the mistake of estimating ~~Mr Maxwell's s~~ this sweep at its full, instead of its net value, a matter of importance to him. I would be glad, now, if the error could be corrected, and will be gratified if either Mr. Cammack or yourself can suggest any course by which this could be done.

~~Upon~~ I repeat an apprehension, which I expressed once before, that Dr. Riddell looks to many sources for the explanation of his excessive wastage. He now blames the wastage greatly upon the necessity which he was put under of raising the standard of his silver "by the well-known wasteful process of refining by nitre"; and he estimates the loss of refining 250,000 oz. in this way, at not less than 1700 oz.

Our experience is far from justifying this estimate. In September last, the following experiment was made by Dr. McClintock on Mexican dollars, ~~+~~

1,937.12 Std oz. ~~St oz.~~ ~~original weight~~, toughened by nitre
1,934.39 " Product.
2.73 " Wastage.

The silver, in this experiment, was raised to 953 ths, and would therefore serve to raise a large amount of other base silver to standard. But supposing the whole 250,000 oz. refined by Dr. Riddell to have been subjected to this process, the loss should, according to the above experiment, have been but 352.3 oz.

In another experiment, the following result was obtained.

18,844.47 st. oz. toughened.
18,809.18 " Product.
35.29 " Wastage.

Here the loss was a little greater, — the first being 1.4 ths, the second nearly 1.9 ths.

It is certain that the refining by nitre is an expensive operation to the Mint, but it is not so wasteful, as to the silver, as Dr. Riddell supposes. Experiments recently made by us, with great care, show that the operation of the test gives rise to about the same wastage, but that it is less expensive.

R. M. P.,
Dr.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

(Over.)

P.S. In compliance with your request, I send enclosed the original documents which accompanied your letter. I have retained several of the statements which appeared to be copies.

We send by the present mail, through the Sec. of Treasury, 2 prs. dime & 1 pr. ½ dime dies.

(Copy)

~~See my letter~~ [illegible] ~~for~~

(See my letter to Geo. Greenfield, Esq., New York, on file Nov. 12, 1841.)

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 16. 1841.

Mailed " 17. "

1841. August. Stand Ounces &c

18,844.47.	Deposites Toughened.
18,809.18.	Product.
35.29 Ounces. Hund.ths	Wastage.

1841. Sep.t Stan.d Ounces &c

1,937.12	Deposites Toughened.
1,934.39	Product.
2.73 Ounces. Hun.ds	Wastage.

The Silver in the latter experiment was reported of the fineness of 953 parts in 1000. pure

Memorandum of Dr
McClintock, respecting the
waste from the use of
nitre for toughening.

Nov. 16. 1841.

Mint U. S.
Nov. 17, 1841.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending, ~~herewith~~ by the present mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope to the Supt. of New Orleans Br. Mint, to be forwarded, as heretofore, under your frank.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

Do/

Sec. of Treasury.

Nov. 17. 1841.

Mint U.S.

Nov. 19/41.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 2d inst., on the subject of ~~your bond for the~~ your suretiship on the official bond of Dr. Riddell, was duly received, and a communication ~~has been~~ was made by me to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, which will, I hope, bring about, ~~without delay,~~ the settlement which you desire, without further delay.

~~Dr. Ridd~~

R.M.P.
Dir.

to/

James Jones, &
Warren Stone, Esqs.
New Orleans.

To

Dr. Jas. Jones, &
Warren Stone.
New Orleans.
Nov. 19. 1841.

Mint U.S.

Nov. 19th /41.

Sir,

Your letters of the ~~8th inst.~~ 3d & of the 8th inst., on the subject of your wastage account, have been duly received and carefully considered, and I have given my views of the matter in a communication to Mr. Kennedy, of the 16th inst., to which I beg to refer you.

~~Mess. Jones & Stone wrote to me, on the 2d inst., on with regard to your official bond, in which they are sureties, and urged my interference in bringing about a settlement of your~~

As Mess. Jones & Stone have expressed a desire to withdraw ~~their names~~ from you their suretiship, it is certainly right that you should give a new bond with new sureties; but it is against the practice of the government ever to cancel a bond that has been given. These gentlemen would, however, be virtually relieved, by a settlement of your account up to the time of ~~the~~ your giving the new bond.

R. M. P.
Dir.

Dr. Jno. L. Riddell,
Melter & Refiner Br. Mint
N. Orleans.

To/ Dr. J. L. Riddell,
Melter & Refiner,
New Orleans.

Nov. 19. 1841.

Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office 20th Novr 1841.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst, I have to inform you that it is the practice of this Office on the receipt of Gold Coins deposited for Coinage to enter on the books the kind of Coins deposited, & if a deposite consist of more denominations than one, it is entered mixed Coins, or the various kinds are enumerated.

Sovereigns & other gold coins having been reported so much lower in fineness at this Mint, than at Philadelphia, I was induced in the month of January last, to cut some coins into two pieces, one of which, you will recollect, was assayed here & the other in the Philadelphia Mint, and a difference of 2m. found in the assays. This lead to a discovery that the acid used here was defective. Since that time there have been but three deposites of Sovereigns made here, which have been reported 915 fine being only 5 less than the title, at which, I understand, they are received in the Mother Mint. I am now preparing some gold Coins for melting & will report the result.

I have always had great anxiety on the Subject of attaining the title of Mexican dollars at this Mint, & in June last I discovered that the slips cut from the bottom, & from the top of the same bars, after melting for assay, differed materially in fineness. This induced me to make a communication on the Subject to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, copy of which, together with the reply thereto are enclosed herewith. This irregularity was supposed to be caused by the defect in the flues of the Melting Department, and since the new ones have been built the titles of Mexican dollars have been reported higher than formerly. Forty Four deposites of Mexican Dollars, have been made during this Month,

2 of which are reported .... — 900 fine
7. reported ... 898 ~ 16 — at 897 "
7. " 896 ~ 4 " 895 "
4. " 894. & 3 " 893 "

The two last were small deposites and two of them from a Jew, and perhaps contained Counterfeits of which there are many in Circulation, and they are sometimes found in deposites made by the public; but, being easily detected by those experienced in Counting Specie, I can not believe that there have been many, or any of the deposites from Banks, or from my SubTreasury, with one exception, that contained Counterfiets.

We usually call all dollars "Mexican" when that Coinage preadominates in deposites, tho' there be many South American dollars with them.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Faithful Servant.
A. C. Cammack

To Joseph M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent.

United States Branch Mint New Orleans
Coiners office December 10th 1841

Dear Sir

We have now been at home eleven days. The river was very low and we were twenty one days on our journey. but we escaped being *snagged* or *blown up* and arrived in good health. for which we feel very thankful. Our mint commenced operation on the 1st of November, but no ingots were delivered to the coiner until the 18th on account of the Melter and Refiner being engaged in recovering silver from sweep. So that the amount of coinage for last month was necessarily very small, but I am told by the Treasurer that there are now some $70.000 deposited for small coins. and several hundred thousand dollars waiting in the vaults of our banks, for the completion of our half dollar press. which will be in about ten days. At present my department is doing very little; but if I may judge from the appearance of the new furnaces, and other preparations made in the Melting department. I may expect in future a full supply of business— I took with me to Philadelphia a small portion of my sweep, with a view of ascertaining what to do with it, but since my return, Dr Riddell informs me that he has a new mode of recovering silver from sweep, by which a great saving is effected, He says he will receive mine at their actual value. He has lately constructed in his department a very large and apparently effectual furnace expressly for melting down sweep. with a flue 70 feet high and 20 inches square, in which he uses rosin for fuel— I do not know if it will be right for me to transfer my sweep to him on the terms he proposes. but should think it perfectly fair, considering that the whole expense of working is incurred by the mint. I have told Mr Kennedy that I would ask your advice, which I beg (give you

I hope the memorandum for small dies, which I left with Mr Dunning will be furnished soon. And from the first of January 1842. we shall probably require three pair of dime and 2 pair of half dime dies per month. It gives me pleasure to notice, that for several months past our small dies have stamped considerably more pieces, than the number given me as the average, stamped with the dies at your mint. and I hope when the repairs are completed in the ½ dollar press, the large dies will show as good an account — I hope you will send us 6 pair of ½ dollar dies to begin the year with. as it is much easier to fit them, many at one time — I left some castings at your mint also the forgings for one pair of pointing rolls. with a request to have them sent to us by sea; but if they are not yet sent I beg you will have the kindness to let Mr Eckfeldt, or some one else, send them to Mr Morris, to get the ports fitted to their bottoms. and the pointing rolls roughed out.—

I am very anxious to know your view of my last low offer of the counting machine at $2.000 for the Philadelphia & New Orleans Mints.

I beg you will express my thanks to Mr Peal, for the many kindnesses which he tendered me when at your mint. I should have done so before I left, but in my haste did not see him— Please remember me to Dr McClintock and such others of my new acquaintance in your mint, as are pleased to enquire after me

Mrs Tyler wishes to be remembered to you. her health is better than it has been for one year past.

Sincerely your Faithful Servant—

Philos B. Tyler

To
Dr R. M. Patterson

From P. B. Tyler, Esq.
Coiner Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 10. 1841.

Recd " 21st. "

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
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Treasury Department
December 15th 1841

Sir,

Agreeably to the request contained in a letter of the 3d inst. received this day from J. M. Kennedy Esq Superintendt of the U. S. Branch Mint at New Orleans, a Warrant has this day issued in your favor as Director of the Mint for the sum of $500 for the purpose of placing you in funds on account of certain expenditures for that Branch of the Mint.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Your Obt Sert
W Forward
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Secy of Treasury
Decr. 15/41.
Recd 17th.

Mint of the U. States,
Dec. 18. 1841.

Sir,

I send you herewith a bill of lading of sundry articles procured for your Mint by Mr. Tyler, and shipped by us on the 1st inst.

I send also, by the present Mail, to the Sec. of Treasury, to be forwarded to you under his frank, a box containing head dies of the ½ dollar, ¼ dollar, dime, ½ dime, and ½ eagle, — one of each, — for the year 1842. A further supply will be sent soon. In looking at the list of dies sent to you in 1841, I find that you have acknowledged the receipt of all except 2 prs. dime & 1 tail ½ dollar die.

I have this morning received from Washington a remittance of $500, sent in compliance with your request, which I have placed to the credit of your Treasurer, to meet expenses of your Mint.

over

The wife of one of your workmen named Hooper, while here, contracted a bill at a store of $8.55, which she left unpaid. One of our men, — Martin Summers, — who had recommended her to the ~~Merchant~~ Store, was sued for the amount, which he was obliged to pay, with $1.56 costs, making together $10.11. Mr. Summers is now sick, and I cannot give the particulars, but they are known to Mr. Hooper, who has been written to both by Summers and the Store-keeper. The case is a hard one upon poor Summers. Will you so far interfere, as to see that justice be done by Hooper. If the story, as told by Summers, be true, — and he is a very respectable man, — Hooper must either repay him, or I think you will ~~[illegible]~~ judge him not possessed of that honesty of feeling which should be required of any man retained in the Mint. — Mr. Tyler was spoken to on this subject, while he was here, ~~but still we have no remittance from Mr. Hooper.~~ and he represented Hooper as able to pay, & doubtless would if he could remit the amt. safely. Perhaps he had better get Mr. Cammack to give him a draft on me in favor of Summers. —

Very respy,
your fl. Servt.
R. M. P.
per G. F. D.
Dr. C.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. — The Director was called away before the above was ready for signature. G. F. D.

To/

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 18. 1841.

December 1841

New Orleans December 21. 1841.

Sir

The annexed is copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr Kennedy in November last in reply to one enquiring respecting the cause of the difference between the fineness of Sovereigns & Mexican dollars at this Mint, and at at Phila.

Mr Kennedy mentioned to me that he had not noticed my letter in his report to the Secretary of the Treasury, and I have informed him of my intention to send this copy to you.

I am, respectfully
Your Obt St
H Cammack

Dr R. M. Patterson

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

January
1842

From H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. N. O. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Dec. 21. 1841.
Rec'd Jan. 4. 1842.

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 23, 1841.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, to be forwarded under your frank, as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
your faith! servt,
R. M. P.
Director.

To)
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Dec. 23. 1841.

N. O.

New Orleans

Mint of the U. States,
Dec. 25, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 10th, containing the report of your operations for November, was received on the 21st inst.

If the settlement with Dr. Riddell be made according to the terms laid down in my letter of the 16th ult., and be a bonâ fide, and not a mere paper settlement, I shall not complain of your last postponement of it, so as to make it include the whole of the present year. I beg you, however, to be cautious as to extraordinary expenditures at your institution. I have heard that Dr. Riddell has erected a furnace for the reduction of his sweep at great cost, and that he is using rosin as a fuel. - Such rumors are probably unfounded. As you are responsible, yourself, for all expenditures at the Mint, and especially for such as are of an unusual kind, I cannot suppose that you have authorised an uncertain project, - of an expensive character, - at least without consulting me.

Let me beg you to give me, at as early a day as possible after the close of the year, the information necessary for my annual report, as to what regards your Mint.

Let me also call your attention to the necessity of forwarding the coins reserved at your Mint for the Annual Assay. They should be sent in several successive parcels, (so as not to be too heavy,) to the Sec. of Treasury, with a request that he will forward them to me, under his frank.

You will also send a report of the destruction of the dies of 1841.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

To)

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 25. 1841.

(Confidential)

New Orleans December 29th 1841

Dear Sir,

Mr Kennedy called on me this morning, and said he had seen a letter from Washington to a gentleman in this city, stating that the President had determined to remove him from office, and that his successor was already named. He felt convinced from the source of the information, that the author could not be mistaken; and desired me to write to you, and enquire if you knew anything of it; and if you did not, to ask you if you could ascertain if such was the case; Not that he wishes you to take any measures to prevent the course which the President thinks proper to pursue; But, that he wishes to be spared the mortification of being removed. He says if you think he is to be removed, and will communicate it to me, he will resign immediately. I advised him to write to you, for your views confidentially, but he replied that he felt extremely delicate about it, and would take it as an especial favour if I would write for him. I told him that I could not think the President would remove him from office, without giving him sufficient notice of his intention to allow him to resign.—

Mrs Tyler has entirely recovered of the complaints which gave us so much uneasiness— She wishes to be remembered— to M Patterson.} Yours Sincerely, Philo B Tyler

From/ Philos B. Tyler, Esq.,
Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 29. 1841.
Rec'd Jan. 8. 1842.

(Private.)

To Dr R. M. Patterson.
Philadelphia
Pa

NEW ORLEANS – 1842

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office 1 January 1842

Sir

In conformity with the regulations of the Mint I yesterday made the usual examinations of the Bullion, in the possession of the Coiner, and the Melter & Refiner, and I report the following result

Coiner

Silver

	Dr	942.709.75
	Cr	926.494.41
	Balance	16.215.34

which has been accounted for as follows

Bullion weighed	15686.51	
Coins reserved for assay	96.25	
Wastage	432.58	16.215.34

Gold

	Dr	10.916.070
	Cr	10.857.159
	Balance	58.911

Bullion weighed	43.514	
Assay Coins	5.241	
Wastage	10.156	58.911

Melter & Refiner

Gold

	Dr	10822.316
	Cr	10371.620
	Balance	450.696

Bullion weighed	434.196	
Wastage claimed	16.500	450.696

Silver

	Dr	969 317.11
	Cr	933 088.70
	Balance	36 228.41

Balance Silver Bullion 36.228.41
Bullion weighed 33 398. 93
Leaving balance against M. & R. of — 2829. 48

And as a set off against which he claims credits for the following -

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"Nett value of Sweeps ready for shipment to Farness Nyak Agent U. S. Mint .	409. 88	= $476.95
"Deduction required to pay for smelting Sweep left by Maxwell, late M & R . .	206. "	
"Amount required for making the Silver wastage for 1840 full as a set off for 300 Ounces in Gold alloy received in April . .	274. 97"	
"Full wastage for the year 1841 on 969.317.11 Ounces Silver	1938. 63"	
	2829. 48	

all of which is submitted for your instructions -

Dr Riddell inform'd me this morning, that he does not intend to make any more melting, until his account has been finally settled - This will, if delayed, occasion some dissatisfaction to the Public, who are very pressing for American Coins, and who have been awaiting the elapse of the 10 days suspension, made to give the M & R. time to prepare for annual settlement -

I have now in my Vaults 4 deposits amtg to 83.650 Dollars, which are ready to be melted for assay

I am Very Respectfully
Your most obed Servt
H C Cammack
Tr

P. S. Since writing the above Dr Riddell informs me that he will melt deposits

To Joseph M Kennedy Esqr

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Recd Jan. 31.'42.

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U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
January 3d 1842

Sir,

I enclose the Statement of our operations for December 1841, and will send you in a day or two the documents you desire, connected with the Settlement of the account of the Melter and Refiner, together with ~~the~~ a statement of the account of the Coiner — Dr. Riddell's scrap is to be immediately shipped to New York in the manner recommended by you —

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 3, 1842.
Rec'd " 14. "

(December report.)

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in the month of December 1841.

Deposites

Kind of Deposite	Gross weight after melting		Standard weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold										
Foreign Bullion	11	92	8	079	150	30	150	30		
									150	30
Silver										
Foreign Bullion	621	80	591	71	688	52	686	46		
Foreign Coins	40,196	95	40,046	59	46,599	42	46,477	64		
									47,287	94
					Total Deposites				$47,438	24

Coinage

Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold					
None					
Silver					
Dimes	697,500	69,750	00		
Quarter Dollars	57,000	14,250	00		
				84,000	00
	Total Coinage.			$84,000	00

Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st. 1841.

H Cammack
Treasurer

New Orleans 1 January 1842

private.

Sir

I have a Letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, in which he informs me that my account for Ordinary expenses for the third Quarter of 1841 had been adjusted, and that there had been suspended the sum of $700 paid on account of rebuilding flues in Melting department, until I could shew the necessity for the expenditure and my authority for making it - This amount was paid by me on the Warrant of the Superintendant, which I supposed should protect me - but as such seems not to be the case, it becomes necessary that I should use some discretion, at least as far as I can do so, without interfering with the authority of the Superintendent -

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

I now take the liberty of enclosing to you a copy of a Report, which I have this day addressed to Mr Kennedy - the Credits claimed by the M & R. seem to me to be large - so much larger than those made at the Philadelphia Mint, that I am apprehensive if admitted by the Superintendent, they may be suspended from my accounts when sent to Washington - I will therefore esteem it a particular favor, if you will advise me, if any and what precautionary steps, it would be prudent for me to take, before giving Credit to the M & R. for any of these items - I ask this for my own government, and safety only -

On the 15th last Month, the Citizens Bank made a deposit of 50,000 Mexican dollars - five Melts were made from it for assay, but the bars not running even in the different parts, we have not agreed upon the fineness - Dr R. thinks that there are low standard Mexican dollars in it, while I am satisfied that the whole is as fair a lot of dollars as was ever sent to the Mint - I propose to send you 6 or 7 hundred Ounces, to be melted and assayed in Philadelphia, if it meets

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Doctr. R. M. Patterson

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.—

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

(From)
H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 1. 1842.
Rec'd " 14. "

Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurers office 1 January 1842

National Archives of the United States

Sir

In conformity with the regulations of the Mint, I yesterday made the usual examinations of the Bullion, in the possession of the Coiner, and the Melter and Refiner, and I report the following result.

Coiner

Silver

	Dr.	942.709.75
	Cr.	926 494.41
	Balance	16 215.34
which has been accounted for as follows, Bullion weighed	15686.51	
Coins reserved for assay	96.25	
Wastage . . .	432.58	16.215.34

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Gold.

	Dr.	10.916.070
	Cr.	10 857.159
	Balance	58.911
Bullion weighed	43.514	
Assay Coins	5.241	
Wastage	10.156	58.911

A little less than 1 ~~℔~~.

Melter & Refiner

Gold

	Dr.	10.822.316
	Cr.	10 371.620
	Balance	450.696
Bullion weighed	434196	
Wastage claim'd	16.500	450.696

Silver . . . Dr.		969.317.11
Cr.		933.088.70
Balance		36.228.41
Bullion weighed		33.398.93
Leaving balance against Melter & Refiner of		2829.48
And as a set off against which, he claims credits for the following		
"Nett Value of Sweeps ready for shipment to Farness, N York Agent U. S. Mint . .	409.88	
"Deduction required to pay for smelting Sweeps left by Maxwell, late M & R	206.00	30 cwt @ 7½ = $225 =
"Amount required for making the Silver wastage for 1840 full as a set off for 300 Ounces in Gold alloy reversed in April . . .	274.97	
"Full wastage for year 1841, on 969.317 $\frac{11}{100}$ Ounces Silver	1938.63	2829.48

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I am Very Respectfully
Your most obed Servant
H Cammack
Trs.

To Joseph M Kennedy Esqr

P.S.
Since writing the above
Dr Riddell has advised me that he will melt deposites.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office January 4th 1841.

1842

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have this day received from Mr. Hooper Twelve Dollars, to be paid to Martin Summers, to cover the amount of a debt, and costs of suit, contracted by his wife.

Mr. Hooper regrets the circumstance, and says that he made arrangements with Mr. Tyler to pay the amount, by whom it appears to have been overlooked.

Mr. Tyler has also deposited $20.00 which amount you will please hold subject to his order.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Faithful Servt.
H. Cammack
Trsr.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

From,

H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 4, 1842.
Rec'd " 25. "
(Post-marked "Jan. 13.")

Estimate of Sweep Assayed January 6th 1842. as per accompanying Assay report.

Weight 4946 lbs:

In 5 oz: Avoir. N° there is 727 mo (milligrammes) Silver pure

33 mo Gold

" " " Hence in 100 lbs Avoir. of Sweep, there is 8.31 Stand: oz: Troy Silver

and " " " 0.3,774 " " Gold

Amount of Standard gold in the whole Sweep 18.65 oz: T

Value of the Gold. — $341.52 corresponds to 18.85 right

$346.97 to 18.65

4946 lbs is equal to 44 1/6 cwts of 112 lbs each

Cost of Smelting per Cwt. $7½

Whole cost of Smelting $331.25

Excess of Gold after paying for melting $10.27

Amount of Silver 411. Stand: oz: Tr. (right)

Value of Silver $478.25 right

Total net Value $488.52

5.45

493.97

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans Jany 6th 1842

(Signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner.

Verified 14th Jany 1842.
(Signed) Wm P. Hort, Assayer

346.97
341.52
5.45

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Dear Sir

I annex the estimate which has just been handed to me

Yours Obt Sr

A C Cammack

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Rec'd Jan. 31. '42.

Joseph M. Kennedy Esq

Mint of the U.S.
Jan. 7, 1842

Sir,

Herewith I send you a statement of my account with your Mint, for the quarter just closed, together with the vouchers. A balance remains in my hands, to your credit, of Seventy six $\frac{41}{10}$ dollars. There are bills outstanding for considerably more than this amount; but the proceeds of your coins for the Annual Assay will be available in time to meet them.

R.M.P.
Director.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

To/ A. C. Cammack,
Tr. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 7. 1842

(Confidential.)

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 8th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

By a letter which I have just received from New Orleans, I learn that ~~information~~ a report has reached the Superintendent of the Mint there, — Mr. Kennedy, — that it is the intention of the President to remove him from office. If such be the fact, he does not ~~desire~~ wish to take any ~~steps~~ measures to prevent the course which the President may think proper to pursue, but he is desirous of being spared the mortification of a removal. ~~by having~~ He has accordingly ~~made application~~ applied (though a fellow officer,) to me, to know "whether I think he is to be removed," as in that case "he will resign immediately." — I need not tell you that I am entirely ignorant ~~of the matter~~ on this point; and I certainly feel embarrassed by the delicate ~~commission~~ task committed to me. ~~As Mr. Ken~~nedy is a gentleman of high standing, however, ~~I cannot refuse to make to you the offer of being suppose that, if there really be an intention to displace him, the request which he makes will be refused~~ and if ~~you think it~~ there be really an intention to displace him, and you do not think it improper to communicate this fact to me, I should be glad of the opportunity of saving his feelings as he desires. In this event, I should take care to proceed with prudence and ~~secrecy~~. not to indicate the source from which I ~~derived my~~ information.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Walter Forward.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Fr/ Hon. Walter Forward.
Sec. of Treasury.
Jan. 8/42.
(Confidential.)

January 1842

United States Branch Mint.
January 11th 1842

J. M. Kennedy Esqr
Supert.

Sir.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

I write in reply to your Note of this day, respecting a Furnace; Finding myself utterly unable to use the test furnace which I found in the mint, from the inadequacy of the flue; I availed myself as you are aware, of an excellent flue in one of the new Stacks, to connect therewith an air furnace to answer in part as a substitute for the test furnace: the structure is so modified as to admit of the fluxing down of grains &c with incomparably greater expedition and economy, than in pots; in common melting furnaces.— This improvement, I found necessary in order to keep down the constantly accumulating balance of grains; not being able while melting ingots to keep a man at work on the grains. Here too, I find it convenient to extract the silver from iron pots, to burn over grains preparatory to washing &c.—

As to its cost, it being small, and of a simple and cheap construction, its cost has been considerably within that of the furnaces for casting ingots.— As to Rosin, I found a lot of rosin-drops, at 80 cts a barrel, which I bought; for effect, I believe it has proven superior to, and cheaper than Coal.

I find this furnace of such great use in various ways, that I should hardly know how to go on without it

The particular process by which I am enabled to extract rather more than the nett value from sweeps, I have not yet made public; — I intend in due time to secure the same by patent; I use no flux, neither mercury nor acid solvent, nor rosin as fuel, and the residue is still in the form of pulverulent sweep, not completely exhausted of precious metal, but I have no difficulty in so impoverishing it, that it will not bear the expense of smelting. The expense of the process is so very trifling that it does not deserve any consideration.

I shall be happy to give you any further verbal explanations you may wish. — You may form some idea of the expense, when I inform you that, one man will complete the essential and principal part of the process on 1200 lbs of sweep in one day, requiring the consumption of 3 barrels of coal, and nothing else. In reducing the sweep I have employed my servants and other labour, at my own expense.

Notwithstanding, I do not foresee any object on my part hereafter, in thus reducing the sweep, especially as a different course seems to be desired, if not required by the Director viz: — selling the sweep to professional sweep smelters.

In this way, which is pursued by the parent Mint, I trust I will hereafter be enabled to settle my accounts, and I will certainly have enough to do, without taking trouble upon myself which I can reasonably dispense with.

Your Obedient Servant.

J. L. Riddell

Melter & Refiner.

Recd Feb. 1. '42

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans Jan.y 12. 1842

Sir,

I send by this morning's mail, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be forwarded to you under his frank, the last of three packages ~~taken from~~ containing the assay pieces taken from the deliveries of coins made at our Mint during the year 1841 of which you have a memorandum enclosed.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

respectfully
y.r obed.t Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.t

R. M. Patterson Esq.r
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
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From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 12. 1841.
Rec'd " 22. "

January 1841

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U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans January 17. 1842

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Sir,

I have been for several days awaiting a reply to a letter of mine, from the Melter & Refiner, to send you, with my remarks thereon, the account presented by him at the close of the last year, and to give you proper explanations in relation to a furnace which he is reported to have erected at great cost for the reduction of grains, and to his using rosin as a fuel. As it may yet be a day or two before that reply will be received, I have thought it better to enclose without further delay the communication which was handed to me by the Treasurer, containing a statement of his account, as also that of the Coiner, together with an estimate of the value, and the weight of his sweeps, and to say at once, that the building of such a furnace was not authorized by me; leaving the remarks and explanations above mentioned, and other matters concerning our Mint, to be the subjects of another letter which I will prepare as soon as I shall have heard from the Melter & Refiner. There is another thing in which Dr. Riddell has also been more dilatory than he should have been, and that, notwithstanding my urgent solicitations, I mean the furnishing other sureties in the place of Drs Jones and Stone — The operations of his department are however not stopped on that account, as, in the opinion of the District Attorney, whom I have consulted, they are all covered by the old Bond — He promises to have this matter settled in a short time.

Respectfully
Y^r. obed^t. servant
J H Wheeler
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the
Mint of the U.S.
Philad^a.

P.S. I have this moment learned that M^r. R. has had some difficulty in procuring securities. His Bond is now before the District Attorney for approval. I think it probable that one of the names mentioned to me will be rejected —

(From)

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 17, 1842.
Rec'd " 31. "

M. C. Cammack, Treasurer

Sir,

For a long time — two years I suppose, previous to the 1st of the present month, you have deducted habitually $\frac{25}{100}$ \$ per \$1000 on silver coin deposites whether melted or assumed. When I at length came to be aware of this, I apprized you that the instructions contemplated a deduction of $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{7}$ of 1 per cent. on coins when melted. This greater deduction, on melted, over assumed and unmelted coins, is designed to meet the loss of weight occasioned by the burning out of copper in the process of melting, whereby the title is raised. I expect, therefore, of course, that on large deposites, where the title is obtained by melting an averaged portion, the deduction of $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{7}$ per cent will be made†.

Respectfully
Your obt servt
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

† on the whole deposite.

20. January 1842.

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W. C. Cammack
Treasurer

New. York. January 21. 1842.

Dr Paterson

Dear Sir

I have as yet heard nothing of the New. Orleans mint sweeps. I expected to have received it before this time. I would be obliged to you, if you would give me some information relative to it. ~~as~~ I have been prepared to receive it for some time past.

Yours. Respectfully

Geo. Greenfield

Refiner.

No 8 Cortland Street

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

From/ Geo. Greenfield Esq.
New York.
Jan. 21. 1842
Rec'd " 24. "

Treasury Department
Jan: 21. 1842.

Sir

I transmit by this Mail, to your addreſs two packages of pieces for aſsay, from the Branch Mint at N. Orleans. One was transmitted by the Mail of yesterday.

Yours of the 19th.. enclosing a copy of your annual Report to the President has been received.

Very Respectfully

W Forward
Sec. of the Treasy

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

From

Sec. of Treasury.
Jan. 21. 1842.
Rec'd " 24. "

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans January 21. 1842

Sir,

The documents enclosed are, Dr Riddell's bond, approved by the District Attorney, which he handed me yesterday, and a copy of the letter I was expecting from him when I addressed you on the 17th instant. Dr R. has occasionally, since the rebuilding of the flues, asked my consent to his employing a man to do little jobs of mason-work in his department. This man, he tells me, has from time to time worked at the furnace mentioned in his letter, and he assures me that the whole of its cost to the Mint, does not exceed fifty dollars. It was built without my knowledge.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

When the account presented by the Melter & Refiner for settlement on the 31st ult., was submitted to me, finding that there was a great difference between the amount of Sweep mentioned therein, and that contained in his account handed in at the close of our operations last Summer, I asked him for an explanation, stating, that if this reduction had been brought about at the

expense of the Mint it would be so much to be
+ You find in his letter that it has cost the Mint but 3 barrels of charcoal for every 1200 lb.
taken from his allowance for Wastage. I have
signed the warrant for his Wastage for 1841, wishing
to hear from you what deduction must be made
therefrom.

The "deduction required to pay for smelting sweep left by Maxwell late Mr J R." I have not admitted, not knowing whether you would approve it in that shape. Neither have I allowed the "Amount required for making the Wastage of 1840 full, as a sett off for 300 ounces in gold alloy received in April" because it appears to me to amount to a renewal, in another form, of his claim for silver used for alloying gold. I have told him that I would submit these two items to you.

We have lately recd two boxes, containing the following dies — 1 1/2 dollar head die, 1 1/4 dollar head die, 1 dime and 1/2 dime head die, 1 1/2 Eagle head die, 1 1/4 dollar tail die, 1 dime and 1/2 dime tail die, 1 1/2 Eagle tail die, and 1 pr. 1/4 Eagle dies — The 2 prs dime and 1 tail 1/2 dollar die mentioned in your letter of the 18th ulto: were received on the 10th of August last. Mr. Tyler has requested me to postpone the destruction of the old dies until next month, as, being not yet well provided, there are some among them which he wishes to use. He has desired me further to say, that he would be glad if, in addition to the regular supply of dies of the other denominations, you would send us 3 pr. of dime, and 2 pr. of 1/2 dime dies every month.

Dr. Riddell has requested me to order from Philadelphia for the use of his department, " 1 cask black lead covers assorted sizes — 2 hhds. pots No. 60 (black lead) 1 cask a hhd. of next smaller size", and Dr. Hort, for the Assay Department, " a demijohn pure nitric acid."

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I will not close this letter without stating to you a fact to which all the Officers of the Mint can bear testimony, viz: that I have *very often* complained to Dr. Riddell of the intervals which have taken place between his deliveries of ingots, and of other delays in his department. On the last occasion of my doing so, which was a few days ago, he replied, that he confessed, *the state of his account* was with him always the first consideration, and that in order to keep himself, at all times, prepared to make a settlement, if called upon, the time necessarily taken from the regular operations of his department, owing to his limited number of hands, was about two days in every week. I told him of my dissatisfaction with such a course and that I conceived it to be my duty to make you acquainted with it. The reason assigned by him for not having yet shipped his sweeps is, that he has for some days past devoted all his attention to the furnishing of his Bond.

Respectfully
Yr obt Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Jan. 21. 1842.
Rec'd Feb. 1.

New Orleans Br. Mint
Treasurers Office 21 Jany '42

Sir

I enclose a small piece of silver cut from a bar which I send for the purpose of having it assayed and I beg you to do me the favor to report the title.

very respectfully
your mo obt st
H. C. Cammack

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

From
H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 21. 1842.
Recd Feb. 1. "

February
1842

Mint U.S.
Phil. Jan. 24/42

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of the 21st, I have to state that the superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, in a letter to me of the 3d, says — "Dr Riddell's sweep is to be immediately shipped to New York in the manner recommended by you." I have heard nothing since on the subject.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

R. M. P.
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To/
Geo. Greenfield, Esq.
Refiner &c. N.Y.

To/ Geo. Greenfield, Esq.,
Refiner &c.
No. 8, Courtland St.
New York.

Jan. 24, 1842.

Mint U.S.

Jan. 24/42.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, under your frank, of ~~two~~ the second and third packages of coins, for the annual assay, transmitted ~~by the~~ from the Branch Mint at New Orleans. The first was acknowledged in my letter of the 22nd.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

R. M. P.

Dr

To

Hon. Walter Forward,

Sec. of Treasury.

(To)

Sec. of Treasury.

Jan. 24. 1842.

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 25th, 1842.

Sir,

In your letter of the 3d inst., received by me on the 14th, you say: "I will send you, in a day or two, the documents you desire connected with the settlement of the account of the Melter & Refiner, together with a statement of the account of the Coiner." I have to regret, however, that this communication has not yet been received. The ~~statement or~~ account, as presented by ~~the Melt~~ Dr. Riddell, was, indeed, sent to me by Mr. Cammack, but as it had not received your approbation or your warrant, when sent, ~~I did not think it~~ and as I supposed you might cause it to be modified, I have delayed making the remarks which it suggested to me, until I think that the discussion of this subject can no longer be postponed with propriety. Again and again has the settlement of Dr. Riddell's account been urged and promised, and it is not yet made.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

In the account rendered, the very first item excites my astonishment, and calls for explanation. It appears that during the year ~~there was~~ the amount of silver delivered to Dr. Riddell, and on which the wastage is claimed, was 969,317.11 oz. ~~of silver~~ Now the whole amount of your deposits was

$535,775 and of your coinage $555,000. The last, which I take as the larger amount, corresponds to 469,140.6 oz., or less (by 31,036 oz.) than half the ~~amount~~ weight which successively passed into ~~his hand~~ the Melter's hands. I know that the continual return of clippings, [toppings, and filings, , and the occasional necessary return of condemned ingots,] make the whole ~~amount~~ weight melted considerably greater than that ~~amount~~ deposited or coined, but I look upon the above difference as excessive. — At this Mint the amount of coinage during the year was, in silver, $577,750 corresponding to 496,504 standard ounces, yet the amount which passed into the Melter's hands was but 814,598 oz. If the same proportion had been observed at your Mint, the ~~amount~~ weight of silver melted would have been only 782,521 oz. or less than was actually melted, by 186,796 oz. This excess, besides the great unnecessary ~~cost~~ expense of labor and fuel, has cost, in ~~the~~ the Melter's full charge for ~~wast~~ wastage, ~~about~~ 373.6 oz or $435.

In the credits claimed, the first (after the bullion &c. returned to the Treasurer) is for "net value of sweep ready for shipment to New York, 409.88 st.d oz." This item also surprises me much. With your letter to me of the 4th of Nov. last, you sent a statement, accompanied by a certificate of Dr. Hort, in which Dr. Riddell makes the net amount of his sweep then on hand = 1,654.06 oz.

~~after due~~ It is true that in this estimate he has made all the gold, (~~estimated as worth~~ valued at) $535.80, to go toward paying for the smelting of the silver, whereas this gold should have been ~~employed~~ appropriated to diminish the ~~silver~~ gold wastage, after paying its just proportion of the cost of smelting. But in any view of the case, the net value of the silver sweep must have been more than the double of 409.88 oz. What, then, has become of the remainder? Has Dr. Riddell been smelting it himself? If so, has this been done at the cost of the ~~go~~ United States, after the instructions given in my ~~ow~~ letter of the 16th of Nov.? My provisional arrangement with the Smelter, Greenfield of New York, was made on the ground of a larger supply of sweep than ~~was~~ it seemed ready to be sent to him at the beginning of the month, but which a letter from him of the 22d shows that he has not yet received. I do not know whether he will refine so small a quantity at the price offered by him for ~~the~~ that, namely $7½ per cwt.

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The next item presented by Dr. Riddell is "Deduction required to pay for smelting sweep left by Mr. Maxwell late M. & R. — $216.67." I have, in my letter of Nov. 16th, given my opinion that there is fairness in some such charge as this, and my wish that it could be ~~brought within the~~ so presented as to pass the ordeal at Washington. As given in Dr. Riddell's account, I fear it would be objected to, and perhaps rejected.— Indeed I have myself some remarks to make on it. 1st.— Greenfield's charge for refining 38 cwt. (the weight of Mr. Maxwell's sweep,) is $225 = 192.57 oz, instead of 206.— 2d. If Dr. ~~Max~~ Riddell has been ~~smelting or otherwise~~ refining sweep at the cost of the Mint, Mr. Maxwell's account should have the advantage of this operation as well as his own.— 3d. In ~~Dr.~~ Riddell's statement of ~~Dec~~ Oct. 30th, the gold found in the whole sweep (including Mr. Maxwell's,) was appropriated to pay for the refining only of Dr. Riddell's sweep. Is this also the case in the statement of Jan 1st?

The next claim is for "Amount required for making the silver wastage for 1840 full, as a set-off for 300 oz. in gold alloy reversed in April." It is not likely, I think, that the ~~accounting~~ Department at Washington will allow the last year's account to be opened for the admission of such a charge; and yet I acknowledge that there is a show of justice in it.— Dr. Riddell ~~to make square his account~~ had, at the close of 1840, a claim to an allowance of 2 [illegible] for wastage, if this ~~silver~~ amount were really missing after he had returned all the silver in his possession. Instead of ~~going to~~ doing so, he made a charge of 300 oz for silver used in alloying gold,— a charge on no account to be allowed. ~~as it is not likely that any silver was used for this purpose.~~ By this mistake, he lost the opportunity of a ~~charge~~ claim of what he states to be 274.97 oz., which he could have made by asking the full allowance for wastage. Shall this opportunity be again offered to him? The Auditor & Comptroller must answer this question.

The last item, after all the above, is for the full allowance of 2 th for wastage, on the 969,317.11 oz. of silver melted. This amount of wastage is excessive, and all the attempts to account for it, heretofore made, are, to me, unsatisfactory. At our Mint, the Melter & Refiner's account, for the last year, stood as follows:

On 814,598.31 oz. silver delivered, — wastage 391.60 oz = 0.48 th.
On 61,583.326 " gold " " 0.0. —

Dr. Riddell's gold wastage is nearly one thousandth.

R.M.P. Dir

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

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P.S. — Your three packages of coins for the annual assay have been duly received.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 25. 1842.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1842.

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Sir,

~~It will give me great pleasure to comply with your request~~

Your letter of the 1st. inst., marked Private, was received by me on the 14th. On the same day, I received, from Mr. Kennedy, a letter of the 3d, in which he says — "I will send you, in a day or two, the documents you desire connected with the account of the Melter & Refiner, together with a statement of the account of the Coiner." As such a communication from the Superintendent would have brought Dr. Riddell's account before me, in an official and formal manner, I delayed answering your letter, in the daily hope of receiving the promised statement. It has not, however, yet come to hand, and I have therefore, ~~without~~ not thinking it right to postpone the matter longer, taken the liberty of making reference to the copy of the account sent by you, and written my views with regard to it fully to Mr. Kennedy. To this letter I beg to refer you.

I remark that in your settlement with the Coiner, the "Coins reserved for Assay" are made to enter into *his* account. Whatever may have been the form originally sent from this Mint, (and of this I am uncertain,) such is not the course now pursued here, or the most correct one, and I wish you to change it for the future. *All* the Coins struck should be ~~given~~ handed over to the Treasurer by the Coiner, and a *full* credit given to him accordingly, — Coinage Account being at the same time debited with the whole amount. After each delivery, the reserved coins are taken out by the Treasurer, in the presence of the Assayer, and placed in the pyx under their joint keeping, according to law. The Coinage account is credited with this amount, and the Treasurer debited under the head "Coins reserved for Assay:" these entries being made quarterly ~~monthly~~.

As to the deposits made with you by the Citizen's Bank, I will afford you any opportunity you may desire, to satisfy yourself as to their true standard. The low rates given by your Mint, have, I see, excited uneasiness at Washington, as well as with yourself and with me.

I know not how to advise you as to ~~the~~ any precautionary steps which you could take to secure you from having doubtful accounts disallowed at Washington. Perhaps the best course would be for Mr. Kennedy or yourself (more properly Mr. Kennedy) to lay such doubtful cases before the Secretary, and ask his ~~decision~~ opinion. He will of course refer the matter to the Comptroller, and a decision by him would make you safe. Dr. Riddell's claims for the smelting of Mr. Maxwell's sweep, and for a further allowance for wastage for 1848, are both of a character to require caution before they should be admitted on your books.

R. M. P.

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To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. — **Your** letter of the 4th inst., post-marked 13th, was received this morning. — I am at a loss to know whether you have given Mr. Hooper a draft upon me for $12. to be remitted to Martin Summers, or whether you authorise me to pay that amt. without draft. —

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esqr
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 25. 1842.

SHIPPED in good order and well conditioned, by U S Branch Mint N O on board the good Ship called the Shakspeare whereof Miner is Master for this present Voyage, now lying in the port of **NEW ORLEANS**, and bound for New York To say:

THF
No. 1 @ 13.

Thirteen barrels of the Melter & Refiner's Sweeps

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Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned, at the aforesaid port of New York (the dangers of the seas only excepted,) unto J. H Furness Esq or to his assigns, ~~he or they paying~~ freight for said

One ^{25} Dollars per bbl paid here with 5% primage & average accustomed

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master of the said Vessel hath affirmed to 3 Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in New Orleans, 27th day of Jany 1842

Contents unknown

Miner
J E Woodruff

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 27 January 1842

Sir

I hand you inclosed a note, received a few days ago from the Melter & Refiner of the Mint on the subject of allowances for loss on deposites for melting, which has been submitted to Mr Kennedy and by his recommendation is now referred to you.

The point about which Dr Riddell and my self do not agree in understanding the instructions under which we act, is the allowance to be made, on deposites of mexican dollars, for loss of melting where a small portion is melted for the purpose of ascertaining the title. For example; a deposite of 50000 mexican dollars being made, 2000 are melted to ascertain the title and the balance delivered without being melted, what deduction should be made on the balance?

I am desirous to have tested the accuracy of the weights employed in the transactions of this mint and beg to enquire if you can have a new sett made for our use and what will be the probable cost.

Your letter of the 7th instant, inclosing your account with me, has been received. My account for Contingent expenses has gone forward, the Bullion accounts are detained waiting your decision on Dr Riddells' account which has been submitted to you by Mr Kennedy.

The remittance you desire, to pay some outstanding bills account of this branch, will be made to you in a few days.

With much respect
I subscribe myself
your faithful servant
A. C. Cammack
Treasurer

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans
~~Charlotte~~.

Jan. 27. 1842
Rec'd Feb. 9. "

Dr R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 28th, 1842.

Sir,

I have thought it proper to present the following result of a late deposite of Mexican dollars made here, as it bears upon ~~the~~ one important ~~subject of part of~~ point in our ~~late~~ recent correspondence.

Mr. Eckfeldt, from preliminary assays, received the deposite as 898 ~~ths~~ fine, being, as you know one thousandth above our former estimates. Indeed he has for some time been convinced that the Spanish American coinage was improving in standard. — The last nine melts of ingots, made ~~upon~~ on the assumed fineness, gave the following results on assay:

901; 900.5; 900; 900; 900; 900; 898.5; 900; 900.
the mean being exactly 900.

R. M. P.
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To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.

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To/

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 28. 1842.

Mint U. S.
Feb. 1, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you enclosed, a new bond given by the Melter and Refiner of the New Orleans Mint, and received from the Superintendent this morning.

R. M. P.
D

W/ Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

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In consequence of the death of Mr. Vaughan, the Venerable Senior of the Wistar Association, Dr. Patterson has to regret that it will not be in his power to see his friends, at his house, to-morrow evening.

Friday,
Dec. 31st, 1841.

To Sec. of Treasury;
Ans. Feb. 1. 1842.

February 1842.

Mint U.S.

Feb. 1, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ult.

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The bond of Dr. Riddell has received my certificate of approval, and will be immediately sent to the Department at Washington.

As to Dr. Riddell's wastage account, I believe you will find my views fully communicated in a letter of the 25th ult. I do not know that I have any thing to add to the remarks there made. A part of my difficulties, regarding the diminished quantity of sweeps, and the smelting at the Mint, I find answered in Dr. Riddell's letter to you.

As to the destruction of the old dies, there can certainly be no reason for postponing that of the heads which carry the date, and the tails ought to be retained as long as they are fit to be used in coining. A supply of dime & half-dime dies shall be sent in compliance with Mr. Tyler's wishes; but the sweeping order for 3 pairs of dime and 2 pairs of ½ dime dies every month does not strike me as quite reasonable. I have just been examining a head die which has struck 200 000 dimes and it has all the appearance of being good for as many more. The corresponding tail die was used last year, and the coiner could not tell how many more it had struck than the 200 000. It was quite conjecture.

R. M. P.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

To,
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esqr,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb. 1. 1842.

February 1842

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans February 1. 1842

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Bill of Lading for Dr. Riddell's sweeps, shipped to New York as recommended by you—

Respectfully
Y. obedt. Servant

J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the
U. S.
Phila.

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R. M. Patterson Esq^e.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philadelphia

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy.
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Feb. 1. 1842.
Rec'd " 14. "

Mint U.S.
Feb. 2d, 1842.

Sir,

I have to regret that the piece of silver sent in your letter of the 21st ult. was too small for an ordinary assay by the humid method. We had, ~~therefore~~ accordingly, to mix pure silver with it to make up the necessary weight, and then to determine the quality indirectly. The process was undoubtedly correct in principle, but still is not so satisfactory as if ~~a larger~~ the whole slip had been ~~used~~ of the metal of which the fineness was sought. The result of the assay shows a title of 895 ~~th~~.

R. M. P.
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To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb. 2. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans Feb 8. 1842

Sir,

Enclosed you have the statement of our operations for January, which I did not receive from the Treasurer's office until yesterday.

Respectfully
Yr. obedt. servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

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R. M. Patterson Esqre.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
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From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans,
Feb. 8. 1842.
Rec^d. " 21. "

(January Report)

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in the month of January 1842.

Deposites

Kind of Deposite	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
U. S. Bullion	18	31	18	799	349	73	349	73		
Foreign Bullion	17	35	17	704	329	37	329	37		
Foreign Coins	6	82	6	638	123	49	123	49		
U. S. Coins, Burnt.	15	00	4	583	85	26	85	26		
									887	85
Silver										
Foreign Bullion	114	45	113	55	132	13	131	75		
Foreign Coins	167,013	05	166,168	59	193,359	26	193,182	64		
U. S. Coins, Burnt.	15	00	10	91	12	69	10	74		
					193,371	95				
									193,504	08
					Total Deposites				$194,391	93

Coinage

Denomination	Number Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
None					
Silver.					
Half Dimes	140,000	7,000	00		
Dimes	112,500	11,250	00		
Quarter Dollars	35,000	8,750	00		
Half Dollars	84,000	42,000	00		
				69,000	00
	371,500				
	Total Coinage			$69,000	00

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office January 31st 1842.

H. Cammack
Treasurer

Mint U. S.

Feb. 9th, 1842.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 27th ult., in which you ask my views as to the instructions sent from the Mint with regard to the allowance for dirt &c. to be made in weighing out Mexican dollars, in delivering to the Melter & Refiner. — I answer that your understanding of these instructions is correct, and that the deduction in question is 3/4 oz. in 1000 dollars, or 0.865 oz. in 1000 ozs. — Such is the uniform practice at this Mint, and it is found to give a sufficient protection to the Melter. No ~~difference~~ change in the rule is made when, as usual, a portion of the deposite is melted in order to ascertain the title of the silver.

In this Mint the operations of one Clerk are always checked by another clerk. Thus the weighings made by the Clerk of the Weigh-room are examined by the Bookkeeper. To give to the latter a means of judging of the relations ~~to~~ of the weights before and after melting, ~~a table was prepared~~ so as to know when an error ~~might be suspected~~ ought to be suspected, a table was prepared, in which the ordinary loss in melting coins was set down at 1/10th

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of 1 per cent, and the extreme loss at 1/7th. But these ~~are~~ were never considered as accurate numbers, and above all were never given as a rule for an actual allowance, as seems to be supposed by Dr. Riddell.

~~Our~~ Repeated experiments made by us show, that when the melting of silver coins is made with the requisite precautions, there is no sensible refining in the pot. The claim made on this ground cannot therefore be sustained.

I am not aware of any *physical* reason why the wastage at the New Orleans Mint should be greater than at this, or why, ~~any~~ therefore, any greater allowances should be permitted.

I have myself felt frequent solicitude with regard to the accuracy of your weights, deprived as you are of the means of testing them. I will thank you to let me know, in detail, what are the weights which you actually possess, and I will then take some measures for procuring you a supply of the necessary series for comparing them.

R. M. P.
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To H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb. 9. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 10. 1842

Sir,

You will oblige me by sending us, as soon as practicable two bales of clean rags for the use of the Coining Departmt. Mr Tyler desires you also to let us have, as nearly at the same time as possible, six pair of 1/2 dollar, and as many of 1/4 dollar dies, "on account of the greater ease and convenience with which he could fit them, together, than separately". Should Dr Riddell continue to deliver ingots as steadily during the remainder of this month as he has since its commencement, our coinage will be large —

Respectfully Y.
Obedt. Servant
JMKennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqre
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Phila.

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From/

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Feb. 10. 1842.
Recd " 22. "

Coiner's Office February 14th 1842

To/ J M Kennedy Esqr
Superintendent

Sir

Since our conversation this morning, relative to Dr Patterson's remarks upon my last call for dies, I have examined my books and find that since the 1st of February 1841 I have received only 10 pair of dime dies, and have delivered to the Treasurer 2.200.000 dimes, and have now 2 pairs of dies not yet hardened; which you will see, makes an average of 275.000 pieces, for each pair of dies used; and I am confident that 2 or 3 pairs coined each, more than 400.000 pieces

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The 1/2 dime dies have averaged more than 200.000 pieces for each pair used during the same time, all of which, I feel sure will satisfy the utmost expectations of Dr Patterson

I cannot think it proper to cancel all the last years dies, until we receive a sufficient number of the present year to continue the coining. The propriety of stamping the date 1841 upon the coins of this year may be questioned, but I think when Dr Patterson remembers, that we have received only one die of each denomination, with the date of this year, and is apprised that we have already worn out the dime, ½ dime and ½ dollar, by stamping their usual quantity, he will see the necessity of our continuing the old date in use. The reason of my asking for so many small dies, was that the Treasurer told me, that after paying out 700.000 dimes coined in December, that the demand was likely to increase, which has thus far been the case, for there are now more than 80,000$ deposited for small coins. And I still think 3 pairs of dime and 1 of ½ dimes will be required each month for several months, but if not, there can no harm arise from my having a few dies in reserve in the early part of the year

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
(Signed) Philos B Tyler Coiner

Rec'd March 6/42.

Mint U.S.
Feb. 16th, 1842.

Sir,

On looking over the estimates for 1842, presented by the Committee of Ways & Means, I was surprised to find that the item of ~~pay~~ wages of ~~for~~ workmen, at your Mint was set down at $2000. I immediately wrote to make inquiry into the matter of the Chairman, Mr. Fillmore, and an answer from him just received, ascribes the reduction, (as might be inferred from the printed document,) to your having a balance in the Treasury, under this head, undrawn at the end of 1841, of $12,320. This would, indeed, reduce your appropriation to $10,000, and not to $2,000, as I have noticed to Mr Fillmore, — but it is important for you to show, (if such, as I have no doubt, be the case,) that the balance of $12,320 was really not available for 1842. If you do not act promptly and effectually in this matter, your operations, for the present year, may be most seriously embarrassed.

The annual assay was held here yesterday. I subjoin the results as to fineness.

Philadelphia Mint. Gold 900.5
Silver 900.4

New Orleans Mint. Gold — 901.8
Silver — 899.5

Charlotte Mint. Gold, — 899.7
Dahlonega Mint. Gold, — 900.2

You will observe that it has again happened that the greatest deviations from standard have occurred at your Mint, though no complaint can be made ~~of the~~ now of the silver, which is but 0.5 th below standard. Last year, you will recollect, it was 1.8 ~~th~~ below. But the gold is greatly in excess, as it was also last year. Both point ~~out~~ to a circumstance which has been a frequent subject of ~~complaint or~~ correspondence between us, — the probable undervaluation of foreign gold coins by your assayer. ~~With a t~~

The trial of weights, for your Mint, resulted as follows; and was satisfactory.

Gold. — Standard weight — 5.241 oz.
Actual weight — 5.239
Defect — 0.002

Silver. — Standard weight, 96.25 oz
Actual weight, 96.28
Excess — — 0.03

Your letter enclosing the Bill of Lading of Dr. Riddell's sweeps was received yesterday, and the ~~matter~~ subject shall have my attention.

R.M.P.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

Feb. 15. 1842.

Mint of the U. S.
Phil., Feb. 18, 1842.

Sir,

By a bill of lading received from New Orleans, (of which, no doubt, a copy has also been sent to you,) it appears that thirteen barrels of sweep have been shipped to you from the New Orleans Mint, according to instructions to that effect given by me.

It is the intention to put this sweep into the hands of Mr. Geo. Greenfield, Refiner, of New York, and an arrangement of the terms on which this should be done was made. I have, however, at present, to request that you will keep the sweep in your possession until you receive my further instructions.

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Please inform me, when the sweep shall arrive. It is sent by ship Shakspeare, Muir, Master.

R. M. P.
D.

J. H. Furness, Esq.,
New York.

To
T. H. Furniss, Esq.,
New York.

Feb. 18, 1842.

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 19th, 1842.

Sir,

By a letter & bill of lading received from New Orleans, I learn that 13 bbls of sweep have been shipped from the Mint there, per ship Shakspeare, to our agent Mr. T. H. Furness of New York.

By an official statement now before me, signed by the Melter & Refiner, and verified by the Assayer of the New Orleans Mint, it appears, ~~that~~ from ~~the~~ assays ~~of this sweep~~, that there is

In 100 lbs. Avoir. of this sweep, 8.31 oz. Tr. of Standard Silver,
and 0.377 " " Gold.

~~Ano~~ The weight of the 13 bbls of sweep is equal to 4946 lbs. or 44⅙ Cwt.

Consequently in the whole sweep ~~there~~ there is
411.— oz. Tr. of Standard silver
18.65 " " gold

Therefore the whole value of the silver is	$ 478.25
" gold —	346.97
Whole value of sweep	$ 825.22
Cost of smelting, at $7.50 ₽ cwt —	331.25
Net value to be paid on delivery of sweep	$ 493.97

By the arrangement between us it was agreed that this amount was to be paid by you

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to our agent Mr. Furniss, on his delivering the sweep to you, ~~and I have given him instructions accordingly~~.

R. M. P.
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To/
Geo. Greenfield, Esq.
Refiner,
New York.

As our arrangement known had special regard to silver sweep, you will please to let me know whether you object to extending it to this mixed sweep, as ~~is expected of you~~ seems to be taken for granted by the Melter & Refiner at New Orleans. I confess that I cannot expect you to undertake the parting of the gold & silver without charge; but could ~~you~~ not your purpose be answered by depositing your bullion at this Mint, for coinage, after you have fluxed it down?

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(To)

Geo. Greenfield
New York.

Feb. 19. 1842.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 21 Feby 1842

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have shipped on board the Barque B. Mezick, Capt Veacock, Two boxes Silver Bullion, as follows

124 C. - 1 box gross wt. 742.10
128 ✕ . 1 box — " — 622.60

These are parts of mexican dollars which I beg you to have melted and assayed separately and hold the proceeds, for the present, on my account.

I will be obliged if you will insure $1600 on these two boxes and charge the premm and the freight in your account for ordinary expenses with me. Bill lading is enclosed.

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H. C. Cammack
Treasr.

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From
H. C. Cammack.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 21. 1842.
Rec'd March 6. "

March 1842

Hon. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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LA.

New York Feby 22 1842

Dr. Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 18th inst, informing me of the Shipment, from N. Orleans, to me, of 12 barrels Syrups — They have arrived and are in Store —

I am, Yr. Obt. Servt.

J W Turnip

To

R. M. Patterson Esqr

Philadelphia

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From
T. H. Furness.
N. York.
Feb. 22. 1842
Recd. " 23. "

New York Feby 23rd 1842.

Sir /

Your favour of the 19th was ~~duly~~ received by me in a midst of a heavy domestic affliction, which must plead my excuse for not promptly replying.—

I receive and accept your statement of value of the 13 Barrels sweeps shipp'd by the New Orleans Mint by the Shakespeare, and shall receive them from the hands of your agent according to our first agreement without reference to their difference of description. I will pay into the hands of your agent Mr. J. H. Furness in specie paying funds the amount of your statement upon receipt of the sweeps. or if you wish I will send to your Mint Gold & Silver Coin in proportionate quantities to the metal in the sweeps. either of these ways will suit and shall be as you may order.— The disappointment and inconvenience I have suffered in this matter I doubt not will be considered by a continuance of your good favour in inducing the New Orleans Mint to send the Balance of their sweeps to me without delay.

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Geo. Greenfield

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint

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From / Geo. Greenfield.
Refuses &c.
New York.
Feb. 23. 1842.
Rec'd " 24. "

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
February 23d. 1842.

Sir,

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I enclose a copy of a letter from the Coiner relative to our dies, which, I hope, will be satisfactory to you. I also send herewith, in accordance with the explanation required in your letter of the 25 January, a memorandum from the "Treasurer's Office", of the deliveries of bullion and clippings made to the Melter & Refiner, during the last year. I have allowed him full wastage on the whole amount, less 37.695.30, left in his possession at the close of the year 1840, in relation to which I hope I have taken the correct view. Mr. Cammack desires me to say to you, that the toppings and filings and condemned ingots are not returned to his Office, and do not pass thro' his books - He ~~[illegible]~~ forwarded his accounts to the Treasury Department this morning, and the difference between them, and that presented by the Melter & Refiner, is in the two claims of Dr. Riddell, of 206 oz. as deduction required to pay for smelting sweeps left by Mr. Maxwell late Melter & Refiner" and the "amount required for making the silver wastage for 1840 full as a set-off for 300 oz in gold alloy, reversed in April," neither of which has been allowed.

As Dr. Riddell is about laying the case himself before the Department, I will send on at the same time, copies of those portions of your letter to me, which have reference thereto.

Respectfully
Yr obedt Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From
Jn. M. Kennedy.
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Feb. 23. 1842.
Rec'd March 6.

The deliveries to the Melter & Refiner during the year 1841. were as follows.

Amount weighed at the close of the year 1840, & left in his possession	37.695.30
Bullion. per, detailed account	422.738.10
Clippings " do	508.883.71
Total	969.317.11

on which he claims a wastage of 1938 $\frac{63}{100}$ ounces.

The wastage of 1840. claimed by Dr Riddell did not reach the limit fixed by law, and therefore perhaps it is proper that the amount in his possession on 1st January 1841. should be included in the delivery of 1841. and the 2do calculated on it; but this will effect his claim of 274.97 for balance of wastage for 1840, if it should be admitted.

In the bullion delivered over to the Treasurer at the close of last year, are

	ounces.
Clippings	11.000.00
Mexican Dollars	4.945.00
do	855.00

which amount is included in the deliveries of 1841. and on which a wastage has been charged, tho' not melted. This is perhaps correct if it be understood that the balances from one year to another are not subject to wastage when the full limit has been reached the preceding year

New Orleans Br Mint
Treasurer's office February 16th 1842.

The 37.695.30 left in the possession of the Melter & Refiner on the 31 Decr 1840, and which entered into the amount upon which wastage was claimed for that year, cannot be said to have been delivered to him in 1841, he is consequently not entitled to wastage on that amount for 1841. I do not think that under any circumstances that Officer can receive two wastages upon the same amount. In like manner if wastage be claimed in 1841 upon the clippings and Mexican dollars above mentioned, amounting to 16.800 oz. none can be allowed upon the same items in 1842. The returning by the Treasurer to the Melter & Refiner of the bullion weighed at the close of the year in settlement of his account, does not constitute a delivery upon which wastage is allowed by law =

1841.

January	Bullion weighed & left in the possession of the Melter & Refiner.	37.695.30	
	Bullion.	40.369.30	
	Clippings.	100.695.30	178.759.90
February	Clippings.		67.670.90
March	Bullion	56.168.17	
	Clippings	23.040.84	79.209.01
April	Bullion	36.500.89	
	Clippings	24.300.00	60.800.89
May.	Bullion	74.185.92	
	Clippings	55.239.67	129.425.59
June	Bullion	97.742.35	
	Clippings	105.000.00	202.742.35
July	Bullion	1.420.05	
	Clippings	65.000.00	66.420.05
August	Bullion	272.89	
	Clippings	15.000.00	15.272.89
November	Bullion	75.440.23	
	Clippings	14.937.00	90.377.23
December	Bullion	40.638.30	
	Clippings	38.000.00	78.638.30
			969.317.11

Bullion	Clippings.		
37.695.30	100.695.30		
40.369.30	67.670.90		
56.168.17	23.040.84		
36.500.89	24.300.00		
74.185.92	55.239.67		
97.742.35	105.000.00		
1.420.05	65.000.00		
272.89	15.000.00		
75.440.23	14.937.00		
40.638.30	38.000.00		
460.433.40	508.883.71	—	969.317.11

37.695.30
422.738.10
460.433.40

The above is memorandum of bullion & clipping delivered to the M & R in the year 1841

Rec'd March 6/42.

Mint of the United States
Feb. 24. 1842.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your very liberal letter of yesterday.

The 13 barrels of sweep of the New Orleans Branch Mint, are now in Mr. Furness's possession; and I shall give him instructions to deliver it to you on your paying him the estimated net value, namely Four hundred & ninety three dollars & 97 cents. ($493.97.) I prefer that the amount be paid in specie, but have no desire that it be of gold & silver, in the proportions found in the sweep. It would be most convenient that it should be all in U.S. gold coins.

R. M. P.
D.

To/ Geo. Greenfield, Esq.,
Refiner &c.
New York.

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To/ Geo. Greenfield,
Repairer &c.
No. 8 Courtland St.
New York.

Feb. 24. 1842.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 24 Febry 1842.

Sir

I have before me your letters of 25. & 28th January - and the 2nd and 9 February contents of which are noted.

My Accounts of Gold & Silver bullion for the last quarter have at last gone forward. They went by the mail of this Morning. My account ~~of~~ with the Melter & Refiner differing from the account rendered by him as will be explained to you by the Superintendent

The account for "Coins reserved for assay" has always been kept. with the Coiner, which I believe is in accordance with the forms sent us. It will be changed in future.

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I notice particularly your remarks in your letter of 28th on the subject of the Spanish american Coinage. We continue to find the assays of large deposites reported very low - tho' small ones run higher; indeed many of them are now assumed by the M & R at 897.-

I enclose memorandum of the different deposites made by Banking institutions since 1 Jany Shewing the reported fineness of each one. At the request of Mr Kennedy I have detained 1000 ounces out of deposite 269 to be sent to you to attest our assay.

Agreeably to your request I send a detailed account of the various weights

in

use in the weigh room. They are used by the Coiner and the M & R. who I believe have no others.

With much respect
I am
Your faithful Servant
H. C. Cammack
Treasr

P. S. no draft was given to Mr Hooper for the 12 $ to be paid ~~by~~ to Martin Summers. and which I begged the favor of you to pay.

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 24. 1842.
Rec'd Mar. 10. "

To Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

List of Weights.

1 of 500 ounces
400 〃
300 〃
200 〃
100 〃
50 〃
40 〃
30 〃
20 〃
10 〃
6 〃
5 〃
4 〃
3 〃
2 〃
1 ounce

50/100 〃	1 of 5/100 ounce
40/100 〃	4/100 〃
20/100 〃	2/100 〃
10/100 〃	1/100 〃

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Rec'd March 10/42

Deposites by Banks since 1. Jany.

	No. of dep.	By whom Deposited	Standard Ounces	Wt. dec	Fineness
	124	New Orleans Exchange & Bank'g Co	9.306	16	895
×	128	The Citizens Bank of Louisiana	6.634	26	895.5
	129	Union Bank of Louisiana	21.538	48	894.6
×	197	Citizens Bank of Louisiana	9.944	03	895.5
×	198	ditto do	9.943	28	895.5
×	199	ditto do	13.029	27	895.5
✓	220	ditto do	13.929	11	896
✓	222	ditto do	13.930	75	896
✓	223	ditto do	14.410	46	896
	238	Bank of Louisiana	17.224	89	895.5
	269	Louisiana State Bank	42.192	41	894.6

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× one deposite divided to convenience the payment
✓ same

Recd. Mar. 10/42.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 24, 1842.

Sir,

You will please to deliver the 13 bbls. of sweep, sent to you from New Orleans, to Mr. Geo. Greenfield, Refiner, &c., on his paying to you in Specie, Four hundred & ninety three dollars & 97 cents, ($493.97.)

For this amount I will give an order upon you, and it is necessary that it be paid in Specie to us. Please advise me of its receipt.

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R. M. P.
D.

To/ J. H. Furness, Esq.
New York.

To/ J.H. Turner, Esq.
New York.

Feb. 24. 1842.

Mint of the U. S.
Feb. 28. 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you by the present mail, a box of dies directed on the inner envelope to the Superintendent of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans, to be forwarded, as heretofore, under your frank.

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R. M. P.
D.

To/

Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Feb. 28. 1842.

Branch Mint U. States
New Orleans 3 March 1842

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Sir

Enclosed I hand you bill of lading for one box Mexican dollars shipped to you by order of the Superintendent of this Br. Mint being a part of deposite No 269. which please to receive to be melted and assayed. The box contains one thousand ounces - and I think should be insured which please to do. It was my intention to leave a part of the value of the bullion recently sent to you in your hands towards paying for articles purchased by you for this branch, but as our contingent fund has been exhausted at Washington, it cannot now be done.

I am very respectfully
Your mo obt St
HCammack

(From) H. C. Cammack, Esq,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

March 3. 1842.
Rec^d. " 16. "

1000.
9090
1272

113.62
46.52

SHIPPED, *in good order and well-conditioned, by* **H. C. CAMMACK** ~~& CO~~., *of New-Orleans, in and upon the good* Ship *called the* St. Louis ——— *whereof is Master, for this present voyage, now lying in the River* **Mississippi**, *and bound for* Philadelphia *viz:*

No. 269.

One box Specie ———

being marked and numbered as per margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of Philadelphia *(all and every the dangers and accidents of the Seas, Rivers and Navigation of whatsoever nature or kind, excepted,) unto*

——— Dr. R. M. Patterson ———

or to his *Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said* box ——— *at the rate of*

——— as is customary ———

with 5 per cent. primage and average accustomed. In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said Ship or Vessel hath affirmed to three *Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the rest to stand void.*

Dated in NEW-ORLEANS, *this* 2nd *day of* March ——— 1842.

James [illegible]

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Printed by F. Cook & A. Levy.

Mint of the United States,
March 3, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d, advising me that the 13 bbls. of New Orleans sweep had been delivered to Mr. G. Greenfield, and that he had paid you the price for them agreed upon, viz: four hundred & ninety three dollars & 97 cents, which you held subject to my order.

I have accordingly drawn an order upon you for this amount, (less your charges $5.19.) in favor of Mr. E. C. Galusha, which I have instructed him to receive in specie. American gold coins would be preferred.

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R. M. P.
Director.

(To)
T. H. Furness, Esqr }
New York.

P.S. — ~~As the amount of your charges belongs to the accts of the New Orleans Br. Mint,~~ I will thank you to send me, by Mr. Galusha, a receipted bill, in duplicate, against the New Orleans Br. Mint, for the amt. of your charges ($5.19.)

To/

T. H. Furness, Esq.,
New York.

March 3. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans March 6 1842

Sir,

I enclose the statement of our operations for last month, which was handed to me yesterday.

In a late communication I stated to you, that as Dr. Riddell intended to lay before the Auditor and Comptroller his views relative to the claims set up by him in his account and which I did not allow, I would also submit those portions of your letters to me having reference to the subject. I have not done so however, agreeing with Mr. Conrad in opinion, that the matter will be refer'd to you for decision.

Respectfully, yr. obed. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy

The National Archives of the United States

P. S. Dr. Riddell, I find, also claims wastage in 1841, on the balance left in his possession at the close of 1840. That point, I thought he had given up. I forgot to mention, that on the receipt of yours of the 15th ulto: I immediately wrote to Messrs Barrow and [illegible] in relation to our appropriation for Wages of Workmen for 1842. Mr. Mouton had at that time left the Senate, and is now in N. Orleans.

Be kind enough to send us our dies immediately, for we are much in want of them.

I have understood, that complaints, of

which I know neither the nature nor the source, have been made against me to the President. I presume they must have come from some of the Aspirants for my office now in Washington - These Complaints must be very recent, for Mr. Benton informs me that as late as the 3d of February the President said to him that he had no idea of depriving me of my office for any thing that had transpired so far. I hope that if your intervention can prevent me from being unjustly dealt with, it will not be withheld -

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
March 6. 1842
Recd " 19. "

February Report.

Rec'd March 19. '42.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, in the month of February, 1842.

Deposites

Kind of Deposite	Gross weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value, after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
American Bullion	54	30	33	486	622	99	622	99		
									622	99
Silver										
American Bullion	1.283	75	1.153	44	1.342	18	1.342	18		
Foreign Bullion	1.240	00	1.207	84	1.405	46	1.401	37		
Foreign Coins	92.010	55	91.524	78	106.501	34	106.434	39		
									109.248	98
					Total	Deposites			$109.871	97

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces.	Value		Total Value.	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold					
None.					
Silver					
Half Dimes	20.000	1.000	00		
Dimes	520.000	52.000	00		
Quarter Dollars	122.000	30.500	00		
Half Dollars	119,000	59.500	00		
	781,000			143.000	00
	Total	Coinage		$143.000	00

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office February 28th 1842.
H. Cammack
Treasurer

Mint U.S.

March 9th, 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st ult., (mailed 23d,) was not received by me till yesterday; and before your desire could be complied with, that the boxes of bullion announced should be insured, those boxes were delivered at the Mint.

To avoid inconvenience, the deposite was made in the name of my Clerk, Mr Cumming. The amount will, of course, be held subject to your instructions.

We have been very particular as to weights, melting, and assay, knowing that you must have meant this as a test deposite. The results are as follows.

No. 124. Your reported weight 742.10 oz. Ours 742.25,
No. 128 " " 622.60 " 622.50.

The parcels were melted successively in the same new pot. The weights, after melting, were of—

No. 124, 740.85 oz. giving a loss of 1.40;
" 128 622.90 " " gain " 0.40;

the whole loss being one ounce. The too great loss on the first, and the apparent gain on the second, are explained by the circumstance that the same pot was used twice, and that the silver adhering after the first melting was not thoroughly removed.—

If the ~~loss~~ whole loss be properly averaged between the two melts, the ~~loss~~ weights, after melting, will be, of

No. 124, 741.70;
" 128, 622.05.

Each melt was cast into three bars, which were assayed separately, ~~the res~~ with the following results.

No. 124, 1st bar, 897.3, ~~M~~
2d " 897.3,
3d " 897.3,
No 128 1st " 895.75,
2d " 895.50,
3d " 895.75.

I send enclosed the usual Mint Memorandum of the result of your deposite, the amount of which, $1,580.33, is this day placed to your credit. Your account was credited, on the 5th inst., ~~with~~ $493.97, being the amt. rec'd by me from Geo. Greenfield, through T. H. as the net proceeds of your Furnace ~~for~~ sweeps.

R. M. P.
D.

(To/
Horace C. Cammack, Esq.

P.S. The value of the coins received from your Mint for the annual Assay, was placed to your credit Feb. 17th, and was as follows: Silver coins 96.25 oz. = $112.00
Gold " 5.241 " = 97.50
Total value $209.50.

P.S.

March 10. I have just rec^d. your letter of the 24th & by I see that our assay of No. 124 differs 2.3 M from that reported in your list. No. 128 is confirmed by our assay. We shall be glad to have an opportunity of testing No. 269, as you propose.

The matter of the weights shall be attended to.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

March 9th, 1842.

Mailed 10th.

Mint of the United States
March 10th, 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st of Feb., enclosing ~~the~~ a bill of lading of 13 bbls of Sweep, shipped from your Mint to our agent J. H. Furniss at New York, was received by me on the 14th, and I gave the proper instructions to Mr. Furniss as to the course he must ~~pursue~~ take with the sweep on its arrival.

On the 19th, I wrote to Mr. Geo. Greenfield, the Refiner with whom our arrangements had been made for working the sweep, giving the following estimate of its value.

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"By an official statement now before me, signed by the Melter & Refiner, and verified by the Assayer, of the New Orleans Mint, it appears, from assays, that these ~~their~~ sweep yields as follows:

In 100 lbs. Avoir., 8.31 oz. Troy of Standard Silver
" 0.377 " " Gold.

The weight of the 13 bbls of sweep is equal to 4946 lbs., or 44 1/6 Cwt.

Consequently, in the whole sweep, there is
411.00 oz. Troy of Standard Silver,
18.65 " " gold.

Therefore the whole value of the Silver is $ 478.25
" " gold 346.97
Whole value of sweep 825.22
Cost of Smelting, at $7.50 ℔ cwt. 331.25
Net value, to be paid on delivery of sweep, $ 493.97."

As the arrangement with Mr. Greenfield had special reference to Silver Sweep, I did not consider him bound as to this mixed sweep, and I frankly referred the case to him for his decision.

On the 24th, he replied that he would consent to take the sweep as it was, at ~~an~~ the estimate.

Having learned from Mr. Furness that the Sweep had arrived, I directed him to deliver it to Mr. Greenfield, on his paying the sum of $493.97. This was done accordingly, and the amount, ~~de~~ after deducting the New York expenses of $5.19, is ~~now~~ in my hands, in Specie, to ~~your~~ the credit of your Treasurer.

The transaction would now seem to be happily closed; but I am not without some misgivings as to the estimate, reported by Dr. Riddel Jan. 6th, and verified by Dr. Hort Jan 14, 1842. If you will look at this document, you will see that the whole calculation is founded on the assumption that in 5 oz. (of the sweep) there is 727 milligrammes of Silver
and 33 " gold.

Now it is not stated whether the ounces in question were Troy or Avoirdupois, but the estimates show that they were valued at 437½ grains, and not 480; so that I concluded they must be Avoirdupois, though I was surprised that ~~they~~ these weights should be used at the Mint, or even found there. I accordingly ~~used~~ adopted the estimate of Messrs. Riddell & Hort, without hesitation, in my bargain with Mr. Greenfield, after correcting two mistakes, the first of which is evidently due to the copyist. ~~Your~~ Their estimate makes 100 lbs of Sweep to contain 3.774 oz of gold, instead of 0.377 oz; and makes the value of 18.65 ~~A~~ oz. St. gold $341.52, instead of $346.97.

But, since the close of the transaction, a portion of the Sweep in question has been received by our Melter & Refiner, direct from Dr. Riddell, and has been assayed with great care; and the result shows that

10 oz. Troy yield 1460.5 Milligrammes fine silver.
and 66.5 " " gold.

Now the correspondence of this assay with that made at your Mint is perfectly satisfactory, if the 5 oz. to which I have referred be considered as Troy ounces, — but not otherwise; ~~If Troy~~ for your assay would make 10 oz. yield 1454 m. silver
and 66 m gold.

And if Mr. Greenfield had asked Avoirdupois [illegible] his assay would have made
10 oz. Avoir. yield 1334.2 m. silver
and 60.5 m. gold

I am led to the conclusion, therefore, that the 5 oz. not designated were really Troy, and that ~~they were~~, by mistake, ~~estimated at 437½ instead of 480 grs. If this be so, injustice has been done to Mr. Greenfield~~ the estimates were afterwards made as if they had been Avoirdupois.

I wish you to inquire particularly into this matter, for if the suspected mistake has been really made, injustice has been done to Mr.

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Greenfield, and we are bound, in good faith, to remedy it. — "According to ~~Mr. Eckfeldt~~ the estimates made, on our assays, the whole sweep would yield of ~~silver~~ Standard silver 376.39 oz = $437.98
" gold 17.138 = 318.85
Total, $756.83 (83)

which is less by $68.39 than the ~~prices~~ estimate of your Mint.; ~~and~~ which difference, according to Mr. Eckfeldt's assay, and according to Dr. Hart's also if he really used Troy ounces, ought to be refunded to Mr. Greenfield."

In order to discover, if possible, the kind of ounces used by Dr. Hart, I have had recourse to his report on the Sweep, made Oct 30, 1841, in which he says: "5 oz of sweep yield 14 grains of fine silver, which is equal to 186.43 oz. fine silver per ton." Now I find that if Troy ounces be used, the fine silver in a ton would be 190.55~~5~~, and if Avoirdupois ounces, the fine silver would be 209 ~~5~~. The difficulty therefore remains; and I must depend upon your inquiries for its removal.

Besides the Specimen of the Sweep forwarded to New York, Dr. Riddell also sent a specimen of ~~that which was~~ of Some, reported to be, by your assays, "scarcely ~~already so thoroughly~~ worth shipping:" ~~washed and So poor, as to be no longer available" "the whole amount of silver remaining in said sweep, not (13 bbls,) "not exceeding from $40 to 50."~~ $45."

This specimen has also been carefully assayed, and we have been surprised to find that it actually

contains more silver than the first; for, according to Mr. Eckfeldt, ~~finds~~ ~~that~~ 10 oz. troy yield 1702 milligrammes fine silver.
and 21 " " gold.

~~If this be really a specimen of the parcel we suppose, our former correspondence shows that it consists of 13 bbls, weighing 4704 lbs. &c = 68,580 oz. Troy; and it would therefore yield of~~

~~Standard Silver, 417.18 oz = $ 485.42~~
~~" gold 5.15 " — — 95.80~~
~~Total 581.22~~

Hoping that the amount of this sweeps may be such as to facilitate the adjustment of Dr. Riddell's wastage account on correct principles. ~~You are~~

× We suppose, from the explanations given as to Dr. Riddell's ~~~~ method of ~~~~ reducing his sweeps that it corresponds with a process called sweating, long employed at this Mint. It may well be questioned, however, whether any great exertions should be made to reduce the value of sweeps, especially if they be expensive. As the charge for refining is by the Cwt. of sweeps, and as the Mint assay is accepted as the ground of the estimate of value, it would seem that nothing is gained by such efforts at refining as Dr. Riddell has made. Judging of this last specimen of sweeps subjected to this process, it does not appear to have been successful.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult. — The dies asked for by Mr. Tyler have all been ordered. On the 28th ult., we forwarded 2 pair dimes, & 1 pair ½ dime dies; ~~and~~ to-day we send 1 pr. ¼ dolls, and 1 pr. ½ dimes; tomorrow we shall send 2 pr. ½ doll.

The statement respecting the deliveries of silver to the Melter & Refiner in 1841, confirms the remarks made to ~~purpose to consider~~ you in my letter of ~~the~~ Jan 25, as to the excess in the amount of ~~another~~ ~~letter~~ ~~communication~~ clippings.

R. M. P.
Dir.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

March 10. 1842.

Mailed 11. "

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office

March 11. 1842 -

Sir

Will you have the goodness to give me your views in relation to the several questions submitted in the within communication from Mr Riddle the Melter & Refiner at the Branch Mint at N.O. I will thank you for your views in an explanatory form.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Miller

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

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From Jesse Miller, Esq.,
First Auditor.
Washington.
March 11. 1842.
Recd. " 14. "

Mint U.S.
March 16th, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., asking my views in relation to certain points, submitted to you by Dr. Riddell, the Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, regarding his accounts, and particularly the claims which he makes for wastage.

~~There are~~ The ~~settlement~~ question of Dr. Riddell's accounts has given me great anxiety, and been the subject of much correspondence. ~~I have long urged and insisted upon a definite settlement, and have always been met by difficulties founded on actual balances in gold & silver, and not on estimates; yet three years have passed without such a settlement~~ ~~or~~ which ~~can be considered satisfactory~~ ~~and conclusive~~. It is most desirable that a ~~satisfactory~~ & conclusive ~~such a~~ settlement should now be made, and, for this object, I would ~~yield~~ give ~~recommend~~ the most liberal consideration ~~of~~ to Dr. Riddell's claims ~~and~~, ~~under~~

~~It is a ~~circumstance~~ fact much to be regretted that the wastage in the Melter's department has been ~~so large~~ very ~~large~~ great. Of the reasons which Dr. Riddell gives for it, ~~I can give~~ there is but one which which I can consider satisfactory, and that is — "want of experience." It is of little consequence, however, to look now to these causes: ~~the~~ it appears that the Superintendent, who has had~~

~~full opportunities for investigation, is satisfied of the fact, and it appears, moreover, that~~

With the regard to the first claim, namely, "that the wastage be made full for 1840, in lieu of an item of 301 oz of that account since reversed;" ~~I have given~~ my opinion is correctly quoted in Dr. Riddell's communication. If there was a bona fide deficiency of silver, in 1840, to the full amount of the ~~wastage of silver~~ limit of allowance for wastage, ~~in 1841,~~ Dr. Riddell ought to have the protection granted by the 23d Sect. of the Act of 1837. He charged ~~the~~ a part of his deficiency to ~~an account~~ source to which he erroneously supposed it might be owing, and this part was disallowed, — but the ~~Superintendent [illegible]~~ deficiency was not the less real on that account.

The second question has regard to ~~the amou~~ an ~~delivery made to~~ amount of 37,695.30 oz. of silver delivered from the Melter & Refiner to the Treasurer Dec. 31, 1840, and redelivered to the Melter & Refiner the next day, Jan. 1, 1841. On this silver ~~the officer renews a new claim,~~ the allowance for wastage is claimed twice, namely for 1840 and in 1841. ~~in 1840, and he again submits the same claim for 1841~~. — This question has ~~never~~ not occurred at the Parent Mint, because the limit of wastage has never been approached in the accounts of our Melter & Coiner; but the true intention of the law is abundantly evident; for it is framed on the supposition ~~the~~ that the wastage is ~~supposed to be~~ proportional to the quantity of metal which is subjected to the Mint operations;

~~Now the silver under consideration was delivered to the Melter & Refiner in the course of 1840. At the end of the year it was returned to the Treasurer, not as a regular delivery of ingots, but merely to —~~ and it would be ~~improper therefore~~ inconsistent with ~~the~~ its spirit ~~of the law~~ that wastage should be allowed twice on the same ~~delivery~~ metal, without its having been twice ~~been~~ subjected to these operations. I would therefore affirm the decision of the Superintendent ~~as~~ to this point.

The last question respects a charge which was made against Dr. Riddell for the whole gross value of ~~the sweeps~~ Mr. Maxwell's sweep, when it passed into his hands; whereas he should really have been charged only with its net value, after deducting the ~~charge for~~ cost of smelting. I have no doubt of the exact justice of this claim, and would only remark that the ~~amount~~ ~~charge~~ sum lately paid for smelting the parcel of New Orleans sweep, ~~believed~~ ~~to~~ which included that of Mr. Maxwell, was $7.571 per Cwt., and not $8.

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I have now presented my opinions with regard to the several questions ~~four~~ submitted to you by Dr. Riddell; but there are some other points ~~in~~ connected with his account, in relation to which I am not yet satisfied. The sweep which was sent to New York to be refined contained a certain proportion of gold, the value of which Dr. Riddell set apart ~~it~~ to serve toward paying the cost of smelting, so as to increase the available balance of silver. This course is objectionable. The gold account and the silver account must each stand by itself; and therefore the net amount of the gold extracted from the sweep must be used to diminish the gold wastage claimed on the account as it now stands, — while the net amount of silver from the sweep will be lessened to the same extent. I have already presented this view to Mr. Kennedy.

Dr. Riddell mentions his having employed "a novel and economical method" for extracting the metal from sweep, which leaves it too poor to pay the cost of smelting. A specimen of this sweep was sent by him lately to be assayed here, and we were surprised to find that it contained more silver than that which has been sent to New York. Now if the amount of the sweep thus rejected be considerable, and I infer from my correspondence that it is 13 ~~bbls~~ barrels, the proceeds from it will modify Dr. Riddell's account very favorably. I have written to the Superintendent, making the necessary inquiries into this matter. ~~When I receive his answer, I will~~ If his answers be such as I expect, it will be necessary to remodel Dr. Riddell's account, and, in the mean while, I would suggest the propriety of allowing it to lie over.

R. M. P.

To Jesse Miller, Esq.
First Auditor.

To/ Jesse Miller, Esq.
First Auditor.

March 16. 1842.

Mint U.S.

March 18, 1842.

Sir,

Four days ago, I received, from the First Auditor of the Treasury, Dr. Riddell's communication to him, on the subject of his wastage account, with a request that I would give my views with regard to it. I have done so, in the most liberal spirit towards Dr. Riddell, for I have an anxious desire that this account should be settled. I have, however, mentioned the difficulties as to the sweeps sent on, and that retained kept back, and the gold ~~used to pay~~ for smelting, which I stated to you in my letter of the 11th inst., and have suggested the propriety of ~~allowing the~~ suspending the settlement until these difficulties are removed. I write now, therefore, to show the importance of an early ~~and~~ answer to my letter of the 11th.

R. M. P.

Dr. M.

To

Jos. M. Kennedy Esqr.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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To,

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

March 18, 1842.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
March 18. 1842

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 16th in relation to Doc Riddells communication to this office on the subject of Wastage. Agreeably to your suggestion I will let the subject lie over for the present relying on you to give such instructions ~~advice~~ to the superintendant of the Branch Mint at N. O. as will cause the various matters and questions in regard to occurrences that have happened to be properly adjusted and prevent all difficulty for the future. When you shall have come to a satisfactory conclusion please inform this Office

I am very respectfully
your obt Servt
J. Miller

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

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From
Jesse Miller Esq.,
1st Auditor.
March 18. 1842

Recd. " 21. "

Mint U. S.

March 19. 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, two boxes containing dies for the New Orleans Mint, & properly directed on the inner envelopes: I pray you to have the goodness to forward them, as heretofore, under your frank.

R. M. P.

Director.

To/

Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treas.

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To/ Sec. of Treasury.

March 19. 1842.

Mint U.S.

March 19/42.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., transmitting the monthly report of your operations for February.

I have already informed you of the boxes of dies sent on to you; the remaining dies are in preparation and will be forwarded in a few days.

My letter of yesterday will inform you of the course taken by me with regard to Dr. Riddell's communication to the Treasury Department respecting his claims on the wastage account. I did not state, however, that I had fully affirmed your opinion as to the double claim on the balance of bullion in his hands at the end of 1840.

I wrote long since, on a suggestion received from one of your friends at New Orleans, to request information of the matter, if any steps were about to be taken upon the personal point mentioned in your postscript. I have heard nothing, however, and am therefore disposed to think that nothing has been done.

Please tell Mr. Cammack that his bill of lading of a second remittance of silver was duly received, and that insurance has been effected.

R.M.P. D.

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. By to-day's mail we send 2 pairs of half dollar dies.

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To/ Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

March 19. 1842.

Mint of the United States,
March 22d, 1842.

Sir,

In your last monthly report you have the item, — "American silver bullion, 1283.75 Oz." I am not aware of the existence of any United States mine ~~or~~ that has been worked silver ~~bullion~~ except that recently found in North Carolina, and I am confident that none of the bullion from ~~this~~ mine can have reached you. I ~~must~~ ~~am~~ therefore concluded ~~constrained to~~ ~~suppose~~ that ~~you~~ there must be ~~some~~ a mistake in your statement, and I have accordingly ~~placed the whole~~ united the amount to that of Foreign bullion, or in my report to the Secy of the Treas. I wish an explanation however from you, for if you have really had a deposite of U.S. silver ~~bullion~~, it is an interesting fact, and ought to be made known.

I received, yesterday, a letter from the First Auditor, in answer to mine respecting Dr. Riddell's postage account, in which he says: — "Agreeably to your suggestion — — — — — — — — Office". [Copy from Mr. Miller's letter of 18th inst.]

R. M. P.
D. M.

To Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Pr. G. F. D.

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To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

March 22. 1842.

Dear Sir:

With a wish to facilitate Dr Hort in placing a small sum of money in Philadelphia, I have drawn on you for Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars, which you will be pleased to pay out of the proceeds of bullion forwarded to you for assay, and coinage - It is understood by Dr Hort, that, if from any cause the bullion shipped should not reach you, then the draft will be returned to me and the transaction annulled.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your faithful Servant.
H Cammack
Trsr

To Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Dated March 19. 1842.

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From/
H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
March 19. 1842.
Recd. April 1. "

April
1842

New Orleans 31 March 1842.

Sir

I have received in due course your letter of the 9th instant with the result of the assay of two boxes containing halves of Mexican dollars which were sent to you by me.

The titles found here, of the counterparts of these dollars, were 895. tho' the deposite 128., from which there were three melts, was reported 895.5 fine

This result accords with the opinions I have usually expressed respecting the titles of Mexican dollars as found at this Branch

By reports from Washington City I am sorry to find that we are likely to lose Mr Kennedy as our Superintendent. There seems however to be some hesitation on the part of the Senate in confirming the nomination made by the President as his successor: if it should not be confirmed the friends of Mr Kennedy hope that he will be retained in place

With much respect
I am your obedient
& faithful servant
H. C. Cammack

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To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

From/ H. C. Cammack
Treas. &c
New Orleans
March 30. '42
Recd April 12. "

Branch Mint New Orleans
March 29th 1842.

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendant

Sir,

Having before me Dr. Patterson's letter to you of the 10th inst, wherein he appears to doubt, whether we used Troy or avoirdupois ounces in the assay of our Sweep; I comply with your verbal request, by simply stating the fact.

The 5 ozs. of sweep, were avoirdupois ounces, and at the time, by counterbalancing the brass weight, a 4oz and a 1oz Avoir., with our standard Troy weights, I found them equal to $4\frac{57}{100}$ ozs. Troy. This would make the ounce avoird. as used by us, equal to $438\frac{72}{100}$ grains. These weights were therefore between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of one per cent. too heavy; which would cause an over estimate of the value of the whole sweep of about two dollars ($2.). Though I recorded the $4\frac{57}{100}$ at the time, I was not until this day aware the weights were too heavy

Respectfully Yours
Obt Servt
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

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Mar 29
Recd April 12! 42.

Branch Mint New Orleans
March 31st 1842.

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendant,
Sir.

You this day handed me Dr. Patterson's letter of the 18th inst. with the verbal request that I would immediately furnish you with such explanations and remarks as the case required. This I proceed to do.

1st. In my letter to you of the 29th inst. I have said, I think, all I can with propriety say respecting "the difficulties as to the sweep sent on." I will only add, that although I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Hort's assay as reported, I shall be satisfied with anything Dr. Patterson may think proper to do, in respect to the different values found there and here.

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2nd. "The sweep kept back."

"Near the first of January" I made rude assays of two parcels of sweep — now in my custody.

5 ozs. Avoird. of one yielded scant $\frac{4}{100}$ oz Troy of fine metal.
5 ozs " of the other " nearly $\frac{2}{100}$ oz Troy " " "

The samples had lain by about a month, when I hastily put up a few ounces of the first, and sent it to Dr. McClintock by Anthony Salmon. I had but a few minutes for writing before Anthony left; and I was under the misapprehension that I was sending the poorer instead of the richer sample. My assay in fact corresponds well enough with that of the parent mint, though I did not part for gold. The nett amount of all the sweep kept back, disregarding the gold, was $112.68. In connection with this matter, I will remind you, that you considered yourself justified by instructions from the Director, in refusing to receive in settlement any estimate of silver in iron pots, or alloyed with lead, or in unrecovered grains, or in sweep not actually ready for shipment:— and you are aware that on the 4th November and 21st. December 1841, I advanced from my own purse a large amount to represent these items, and also to make up an actual deficiency beyond wastage limits in my silver account.

3rd. "The gold used to pay for melting,,

The following quotation from the Directors' letter to you of 25th. January, will, I suppose, more definitely shew his meaning. "In Dr. Riddell's statement of October 30th the gold found in the whole sweep (including Maxwell's) was appropriated to pay for the refining only of Dr. Riddell's sweep. Is this the case in the statement of January 1st.?,,

The assay certificate of Maxwell's sweep shews that it contained $\frac{7}{1000}$ths of silver, but no mention is made of gold. Nor do I imagine there could have been present any amount of gold worth reporting. For during the whole time he was melter and refiner of this mint, he cast of gold ingots 4.034 $\frac{883}{1000}$ ounces. While during the years 1840 & 1841 I cast of approved gold ingots — — — 40.748 $\frac{166}{1000}$ ounces, besides making many failures, and perplexing myself much with refining and toughening.

Hence I should naturally have had more than ten times as much gold sweeps as Maxwell.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

ϕ The "explanations and remarks that the case required" were asked for by me several days before your letter of the 18th was recd.

Resp.t JMK

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendant
Branch Mint
New Orleans

March
Rec'd Apri. 12. '42.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 31. 1842.

Sir,

I have laid before Dr. Riddell your letter of the 10th instant, which, in consequence of several succeſsive failures of the mail, I did not receive until some time after it was due. That of the 18th instant, stating the course taken by you upon the subject of his account, has also been communicated to him. I have just received from him, and now enclose, the explanations neceſsary to enable you finally to close his account.

I acknowledge the receipt of 4 boxes containing 2 pr. of ½ dollar, 1 pr. of ¼ dollar, 2 prs of dime, and 2 pr. of ½ dime dies. The old ones shall now be cancelled without delay.

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You will find herein 2 aſsayer's certificates showing the rejection of a portion of melts 103 and 105. Please return them, and inform me, at the same time, if, in such cases, the whole melt should be rejected. I will thank you also to let me know by what officer, or officers, the aſsay ingots should be selected.

I send herewith a bill of lading for two boxes, containing a set of weights, made by one of Mr. Tyler's workmen, for the use of the Treasurer's office - We wish you to have them adjusted for us.

Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

J. M. Kennedy

Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqre

Director of the Mint

of the U. S.

Philada.

From/
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c. &c.
New Orleans.
March 31. 1842.
Recd April 12. "

Rec'd April 16. 1842.

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Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of March, 1842.

Deposites										
Kind of Deposite	Gross weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value, after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
U. S. Bullion	81	58	86	885	1,616	45	1,616	28		
Foreign Bullion	228	96	208	349	3,876	21	3,876	21		
Foreign Coins	312	34	308	290	5,735	57	5,735	57		
									11,228	23
Silver										
Foreign Bullion	1,106	50	1,101	80	1,282	07	1,279	10		
Foreign Coins	153,232	90	152,585	11	177,553	27	177,454	06		
									178,835	34
							Total Deposites		$190,063	57

Coinage.					
Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total Value.	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles	2,800	7,000	00		
				7,000	00
Silver					
Dimes	450,000	45,000	00		
Quarter Dollars	172,000	43,000	00		
Half Dollars	96,000	48,000	00		
				136,000	00
	720,800				
		Total Coinage		$143,000	00

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1842.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 6 1842

Sir,

I enclose the statement of our operations for March. The whole of the silver bullion deposited for coinage in February, was, as you supposed, Foreign; the term "American" having been erroneously used by the Weigh master.

Respectfully,
yr obedt. Servant
Jo. M. Kennedy
Supt.

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R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. New Orleans Br. Mint
Apr. 6/42.
Recd. 16th.

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans April 10. 1842

Sir,

On the 8th instant, the following dies received in 1841, were cancelled in my presence, by cutting a cross upon their face, viz:

√ Of the ½ dollar - 6 pr. - 1 head, and 2 tail dies.
√ " ¼ dollar - 4 pr. and 2 head dies - 1 of these last had been reserved from 1840.
√ " Dime - 9 pr. and 1 head die.
X " ½ Dime 1 pr. and 6 head dies - 1 of these last had also been reserved from 1840.
√ " ½ Eagle 1 head die, and 1 pr. reserved from 1840
" " ¼ Eagle 1 pr. also reserved from 1840

Of the dies recd. in 1841, the following have been reserved.

√ ½ Dollar 1 tail die
½ Dime 4 tail dies
√ Eagle 1 pair -

I am desired by Mr. Tyler to ask for 2 Extra tail ½ dollar dies, and to say that the last 2 pr. of that denomination which we recd. were ⅜ of an inch too short. We will be out of Dimes dies by the 1st of May, and perhaps sooner. Can you let us have some by that time?

Respectfully
yr. obedt. Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint U. S.
Phila.

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From
Jos. M. Kennedy.
Supt. &c. &c.
New Orleans.

April 10. 1842.
Recd. " 20. "

Mr. Greenfield — Apr. 13/42.

Weight of N. O. Sweep 4946 lbs. — corresponding with N. O. report

Assay of 2 oz. avoir. — yielded 4.20 gr. of metal. corresponding to 33.60 in lb. —

4946 × 33.6 = 166185.6 gr = 346 oz. Troy.
Of this there was of gold 17 oz
Leaving of silver — — — 329.

Gold corresponds — Silver falls short —
N. O. report is 411 st. oz silver = 369.9 fine
Diff. — 40.9 in defect

Mr. Greenfield drew two pounds of the sweep to be assayed. — They are probably more dry & lighter now. —

Ap. 18th — Mr. Eckfeldt found
10 oz. of this sweep to yield
1210½ milligrammes of silver }
69½ " gold }

giving 280.673 oz. silver in 4946 lb. }
and 16.109 " gold " }

40.90
1 29 21
40.90
818
368
8
8
4
$52.88
68.39
$15.51

For results of the four different assays of this sweep, see May 5th, 1842.

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From
Geo. Greenfield
Apr. 13/42.

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Note made, during a personal visit from him, of his assay of the New Orleans Sweep.

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Also note enclosed of the assay made of this sweep, by Mr. Eckfeldt. — Ap. 18/42.

Treasury Department
April 14. 1842.

Sir

It has occurred to me that under all circumstances it might be expedient and proper to require the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans to give a bond with an increased penalty that of his present bond being $20.000 & I will thank you for your opinion on the subject.

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Very Respectfully

W Forward
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada.

From

Sec. of Treasury

Apr. 14/42.

Recd 16th.

Branch Mint New Orleans 16 april 42

Sir

I received yesterday your letter of the 5th April instant covering your account current with this Branch Mint to the 1st instant, shewing balance in my favor of $3132.88 Say Thirty One hundred Thirty two dollars Eighty Eight Cents.

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All of the money which has lately gone into your hands on account of this Mint, belongs to the Bullion account which I am anxious to replace in our vaults here, and having no funds whatever on hand belonging to the Contingent account and the amount of appropriations in Washington being exhausted I have been Compelled to draw on you for the balance named above which please to pay on my bill in favor of W. E. Leverich Cashr. Bank of Louisiana

For the sum used by you, out of the Bullion sent you, to pay some bills for this Mint, I shall have to make an advance myself unless the Ho of Representatives in Congress retrace their Steps in striking out the appropriation for incidental expences for our branch from this year. This is particularly Unfortunate at this time as we have many

Small

bills unpaid and are in want of Coal and Some other articles without which the operations Cannot be Continued

The result of the Melt of Dollars forwarded to you makes me somewhat doubt the opinions which I have heretofore entertained in respect to the fineness of Mexican Dollars.

I am
with much respect
Your very faithful servt
H. C. Cammack
Treasr

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 16. 1842,
Recd " 25. "

NEW ORLEANS APR 17

Doctr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U. S. April 16th, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., in which you ask my opinion as to the propriety of increasing the penalty in the bond of the Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch Mint.

The sum in which the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Mint is bound is fixed by the act of Jan 18, 1837, at $10,000, and this amount was also ~~not~~ ~~the~~ originally selected as the penalty in the bond of the treasurer of New Orleans ~~Branch Mint~~ Mint. ~~He~~ Difficulties soon occurred in this Branch, in which the treasurer, Mr. Edm. Forstall, was somewhat involved, principally through one of his clerks, and it was judged prudent to increase the penalty to $20,000. I am not now aware of any particular circumstances that call ~~now~~ for a still larger amount of security; ~~but as I see from your communication, that you deem unless it be that the institution may probably be soon called upon to wind up its affairs, but as you~~ but if you ~~judge~~ think it expedient and proper to do so, I ~~have no doubt it will will~~ freely ~~give my assent,~~ ~~inform you in~~ to declare my "satisfaction" in the measure, as required by the 3d Sect. of the act of March 3, 1835, and I have no doubt that the additional security will be promptly given.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Hon. Walter Forward, ~~Levi Woodbury~~
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.
Apr. 16/42.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 19. April 1842.

Sir

I addressed you a few days ago & then advised having drawn on you for £3132.88. which amount is not the correct one. The bill is for 3082.88 which seems to be the correct balance in your hands to my credit.

In your account you charge me, 31 March $200 paid Mrs S. M Moore on my order. The order is for $250. and I presume that the mistake has been made in charging the sum to me.

If you have paid only 200$ please advise me and I can arrange the difference with Dr Hort here.

I am
Very respectfully
Your faithful friend
H. Cammack
Treasurer

Amount of your Balance
to my Credit $ 3.132.88
deduct short charged
on drft favor Mrs Moore — 50.—
$ ~~3.138.88~~ Error
3,082.88 Bal.

To
Dr R. M Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 19. 1842,
Recd. " 29. "

N. ORLEANS
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To Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia:–

Mint U.S.
April 25, 1842.

Sir, #

I have this morning received your letter of the 16th inst., in which you state that you have drawn on me for the balance reported as in my hands on the 1st, viz. $3132.88. I regret that you have felt yourself under the necessity of doing so, as the balance in my hands now is reduced to $3,100.38 and there are outstanding bills unpaid amounting to $88.13.

When I found that Congress had thrown out the whole appropriations for Contingent expenses of the Mint and Branches, I took immediate measures for ~~remedying~~ having them replaced in a less objectionable form, and under a less objectionable name; and, on the 20th inst., a bill was reported to the House, by the Committee of Ways & Means, which, as to your Mint, makes the following provision.

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"No. 35. For Coinage Expenses, including materials and implements, fuel, repairs, and wastage of gold and silver, at the New Orleans Branch Mint, — — — — — — — $11,052

"For House Expenses, including water-rent and taxes, repairs, lighting, cleaning, and watching, — — — — — — 3,598

I send above a bill of lading of articles shipped on the 9th inst., which I will thank you to hand to Mr. Kennedy

"For Office Expenses, including stationery and postage, — — — — — ——— 350."

The total appropriation for your incidental and contingent expenses is therefore $15,000.

The estimates, as I presented them, were

Coinage expenses,	$12,600
House expenses,	4,000
Office expenses,	500
	$17,100

The whole amount corresponded to ~~your~~ the estimate which you furnished to me. The division under the several heads, I made according to the best of my judgment, formed from our experience ~~at~~ here.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. — Of the sum which I have included under "bills unpaid", there is an amount of $20, held under the following notice given to me in your letter of the 4th of Jany last. —

"Mr. Tyler has also deposited $20, which amount you will please hold subject to his order."

Now, no such order has yet been received, and inquiry has been made respecting it, by Mrs. Rufus Tyler, with some anxiety. Be so good as to inform Mr. Tyler of this circumstance.

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H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 25. 1842,

Mint of the U.S.
April 26. 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope to the Supt. of the N. Orleans Br. Mint, which I pray you to forward, under your frank, as heretofore.

R.M.P.
D.
per G.F.D.
D.C.

To
Hon. W. Forward,
Sec. of Treas.

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To/ Sec. of Treasury.

April 26. 1842.

Mint U. States,
April 20. 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies for the New Orleans Mint, which I pray you to forward, as directed on the inner envelope, under your frank.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
Sec. of Treas.

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To/ Sec. of Treasury.

April 30. 1842.

Mint of the United States,
May 4th, 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope to the New Orleans Br. Mint, which I beg you to forward under your frank as usual.

Very respectfully,

R. M. P.
D.

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To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treas.

P.S. Another box, for the same Mint, will be sent tomorrow.

To/

Sec. of Treasury.

May 4, 1842.

(Vide 1st Auditor
March 21.)

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Mint of the United States
May 5th, 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st of March was received by me on the 12th ult., and my answer has been deferred from a desire of obtaining further information as to the true value of the sweep sent by Dr. Riddell to Mr. Greenfield.

Some time ago Mr. Greenfield called upon me, and without having heard any thing of our assay of the sweep in question, told me that he had been disappointed in the result of his operations upon it; and made the following statement of his own assay.

"In 2 oz. avoir. of the sweep, he found 4.20 grs. of metal, corresponding to 33.60 in a lb. avoir., and to 346 oz. troy in the whole sweep. Of this 17 oz. was gold; leaving 329 oz. silver."

Hence there was of St. ~~d~~. silver, 365.555 oz = $425.37
" gold 18.889 " = 357.42.
776.79

At the same time Mr. Greenfield left with me a specimen of this sweep, which was fluxed down by Dr. McClintock, and the button assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt. It was thus found, that 10 oz. Troy yielded 1210.5 milligrammes fine silver
69.5 " " gold.

Hence, in whole sweep, of standard silver, 311.86 oz = $362.89
" gold 16.109 " 333.00
695.89

You will recollect that the assay of Drs. Riddell and Hort gave

Of ~~fin~~ Standard silver	411.	oz	=	$478.25
" gold	18.65	"	=	346.97
				825.22

The assay made by Dr. McClintock and Mr. Eckfeldt of the specimen sent to us by Dr. Riddell, gave

Of Standard silver	376.39	oz	=	$437.98
" gold	17.138			318.85
				756.83

Now although these assays do not agree very well with one another, I think there is good reason to believe, from their comparison, that there was an overvaluation of the silver ~~made by~~ in that made at New Orleans, and I would recommend that the final settlement be made on the ground of Mr. Eckfeldt's estimate of $437.98, — leaving the gold to stand as at present, since ~~as~~ it is undisputed by Mr. Greenfield. ~~Or a still~~ This would make it necessary to return $40.27.* Or a still more unexceptionable and liberal course would be to take Mr. Greenfield's own estimate, and to return to him $48.43. — It is of great importance for our future transactions, and our present reputation, that ~~all~~ no doubt should exist of our determination to do exact justice. — This matter is now fully before you; and I am sure you ~~will~~ all desire to act with liberality as well as ~~justly~~ good faith in regard to it.

As it appears from Mr. Riddell's letter to you that the whole amount of sweep kept back is of too small amount to ~~be~~ call for a special remittance to New York ~~for refin~~ to be refined, I would consent that it lie over, if such be the wish of Dr. Riddell.

The National Archives of the United States

As to the "gold used to pay for smelting silver", Dr. Riddell has obtained his interpretation of my meaning from the wrong paragraph of my letter of the 25th of January. — In that letter I say that in Dr. Riddell's statement and estimate, sent with your letter of the 6th of November, "he has made all the gold, valued at $535.80, to go toward paying for the smelting of the silver, whereas this gold should have been appropriated to diminish the gold wastage, after paying its just proportion of the cost of smelting."

Now this is a very important item in Dr. Riddell's account. It is the evident intention, and has been the constant interpretation of the law, that the wastage of gold and the wastage of silver should be accounted for separately. The allowance for a limit of wastage is stated, in the 23d Sect. of the act of Jan 18, 1837, as "not to exceed two thousandths of the whole amount of gold and silver, respectively, that had been delivered to [the Melter & Refiner] by the Treasurer." And, in the 29th Sect., the allowances for gold and for silver are different.

I believe that you have in my former letters on this ~~long~~ subject, and in the present, all the views that are necessary to enable you to make out such an account as may be acted upon favorably at Washington. I shall be most happy when I hear that this settlement, so long and so unhappily delayed, has been finally closed.

To enable you to present a~~n~~ just and acceptable account, I will here mention the opinions which I gave to the Auditor upon Dr. Riddell's claims.

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1st. I ~~have~~ expressed my opinion in favor of the demand "that the wastage be made full for 1840, in lieu of an item of 300 oz of that account since reversed."

2d. I ~~have~~ expressed my opinion against the allowance of a second wastage on "the amount of 37,695.30 oz of silver delivered from the Melter & Refiner Dec. 31, 1840, and redelivered to him the next day."

3d. I ~~have~~ gave ~~given~~ my opinion in favor of allowing ~~Dr.~~ Riddell for the cost of smelting Mr. Maxwell's sweep, which he had received at its full gross value. The price of smelting, however, to be estimated at $7.50 ℘ cwt., and not at $8, as asked by Dr. Riddell.

4th. I ~~have stated~~ made the following statement to the Auditor ~~that~~ "the sweep which was sent to New York to be refined contained a certain proportion of gold, the value of which Dr. Riddell set apart to serve toward paying the cost of smelting, so as to increase the available balance of silver. This course is objectionable. The gold account and the silver account must each stand by itself; and therefore the net amount of the gold extracted from the sweep must be used to diminish the gold wastage claimed on the account as it now stands, while the net amount of silver from the sweep will be lessened to the same extent."

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5th. I mentioned to the Auditor the impression, which I then entertained, that Dr. Riddell had still an amount of sweep in his possession the proceeds from which might modify his account very favorably. — In this, it now appears that I was mistaken.

In answer to my letter to the First Auditor, he says: ~~that~~ "Agreeably to your suggestion, I will let the subject [of Dr. Riddell's account] lie over for the present, relying on you to give such instructions to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, as will cause the various matters and questions, in regard to occurrences that have happened, to be properly adjusted, and prevent all difficulty for the future. When you shall have come to a satisfactory conclusion, please inform this office."

Now I can give nothing more, in this matter, than the general principles on which the account is to be made up, and this I have done. I hope that ~~the account~~ it may now be remodelled, and presented to the department without ~~fur~~ delay. It is delay which has put you, and me, and all concerned, to so much trouble in making this settlement. And yet there is no other real difficulty presented, than the fact that the wastage has exceeded the limit of allowance. ~~and that there seems to have been a false impres idea that this evil can be remedied by procrastination~~. When such an event occurs, it is to be lamented indeed, but the law is explicit as to the consequences. The ~~officer~~ responsible officer must pay the difference.

In your letter of the 31st of March, you send me two assayer's certificates, and ask me whether it is legitimate to reject part of a melt, and accept another part. — I answer that where large pots are used, as at your Mint, the ingots ~~cast~~ should be kept in parcels, according to the order in which they are cast, and assays made of each parcel. It will often happen that some of these parcels may be ~~received, and some~~ within the allowed limit of standard, and some not. I see no objection, then, to receiving the first, and rejecting the last. During the short time that we made these large melts, we were obliged to follow this course; and the necessity of doing so was one of the reasons for our returning to the practice of making small melts. Our other reasons were, that the ~~large se~~ casting from large pots was more laborious and painful to the men, — required the constant attention of the ~~Officers~~ Melter & the Assayer, — gave much more serious inconvenience when a melt failed, — ~~and~~ showed, on careful trial, no saving in the consumption of fuel, — and was believed to give rise to more wastage.

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In answer to a question proposed by you, I have to state, that the selection of the ingots to be assayed is always made by the Assayer, either in person, or by his workman acting under his instructions.

R. M. P.

Dr

To
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

P.S. over

P.S. We sent to you, thro' the Sec. of Treas., the following dies:

April 26. 1 pr. dime dies
2 tail 1/4 doll. "
30. 1 pr. 1/2 doll. "
1 " dime "
May 4. 1 " 1/2 doll. "
5 1 " 1/2 doll. "

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May. 5-6. 1842.

May 1842

New Orleans Sweep.

Weight 4946 lbs. avoir. – agrees with Mr. Greenfield's weighings at New York.

Dr. Hort's & Dr. Riddell's assay. –

See Jan. 31
March 10

In 5 oz. (Avoir.?) 727 milligrammes fine silver
33 " " gold.

Hence, – in whole sweep, – 369.9 oz. tr. fine silver = 411 std. oz.
" 16.785 " " " gold = 18.65 "
Value of silver – – $ 478.25
" " gold – – 346.97.

Mr. Eckfeldt's assay, of specimen of same sweep sent on by Dr. Riddell. (See letter by me to Mr. Kennedy of March 10/42.)

In 10 oz. Troy, 1460.5 milligrammes fine silver.
66.5 " " gold.

Hence, in whole sweep, 338.75 oz. tr. fine silver = 376.39 std. oz.
" 15.424 " " " gold = 17.138 "
Value of silver – – $ 437.98
" " gold – – 318.85

Mr. Greenfield's assay – reported to me Ap. 13/42.

In 2 oz. avoir., there were 4.20 grs. of metal, corresponding to 33.60 in a lb., and to 346 oz. troy in the whole sweep. Of this 17 oz. was gold, leaving of silver 329 oz.

Hence St. oz. of silver = 365.555 value $ ~~425.37~~
" " gold 18.889 " 351.42

Mr. Eckfeldt's assay of specimen of this sweep left with me by Mr. Greenfield.

In 10 oz. Troy, 1210.5 milligrammes fine silver
69.5 " " gold.

Hence in whole sweep 280.673 oz. fine silver = 311.86 st. oz.
16.109 " " gold = 17.899 "
Value of silver – – $ 362.89
" gold – – 333.00

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Four Assays
of New Orleans Sweep
Crup and C.

May 5/42.

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 6. 1842.
Recd " 16. "

April Report.

610,370,57

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 6. 1842

Sir,

You have, enclosed, a statement of the Deposites and Coinage at this Mint, during the last month.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box containing 1 pr. 1/4 dollar and 1 pr. of 1/2 dime dies.

Resp.ly y.r obd.t Serv.t

J M Kennedy
Sup.t

R. M. Patterson Esq.re
Director of the Mint
Of the U. S.
Philad.a

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Statement of the Deposites and Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of April, 1842.

Deposites

Kind of Deposite	Gross weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold,										
Foreign Bullion	61	75	41	463	771	39	771	39		
Foreign Coins	873	98	845	962	15,738	79	15,738	79	16,510	18
Silver.										
Foreign Bullion	1,844	50	1,871	88	2,178	14	2,175	08		
Foreign Coins	83,967	80	83,578	61	97,254	78	97,101	38	99,432	92
Total Deposites									$115,943	10

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Half Eagles	2,000	10,000	00		
Eagles	1,000	10,000	00	20,000	00
Silver					
Half Dimes	160,000	8,000	00		
Dimes	360,000	36,000	00		
Quarter Dollars	100,000	25,000	00		
Half Dollars.	80,000	40,000	00	109,000	00
	703,000				
Total Coinage.				$129,000	00

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office April 30th 1842.
H. C. Cammack
Trsr.

Note. Many of the coins struck this year are from dies of 1841. The supply of dies for 1842. not having been sufficient.

Unofficial.

New Orleans May 15. 1842

Sir

I received in due course the letter which you addressed me under date of 25 April.

I note your remarks about my having drawn on you for the balance which was in your hands to my credit. That sum belonged to the Bullion fund and I did not consider myself authorized to use it in paying Contingent expences as the appropriation under that head has been exhausted. I asked for $5000 for Contingent expences for last quarter but received only $1800. which the Secretary of the Treasury said was the balance. We are now, and have been for some time past, working on credit.

I send you enclosed copy of my account current for last quarter and copy of incidental and contingent expences. There are several bills incurred during that quarter that remain unpaid.

My account for ordinary expences for the 4 quarters of 1841 has been audited at the Treasury Department and every thing up to the present time has been passed except one bill for ice of $146. respecting which an explanation has been asked. The Bullion accounts for that quarter have not been acted on. perhaps this is delayed in consequence of the disagreement of Dr Riddell's account with mine!

I have not yet ~~been~~ got rid of the Sub. Treasury account. I have continued to render weekly accounts to the Treasurer of the U. States. the post Master General

and the Secretary of the Treasury, without however, any compensation to myself or my Clerks. In fact I have received no pay since June 1841. Nor have my accts forwarded for the services of Clerk + porter for 3 quarter of 1841 been acted on. I have now in my hands balances under this law. public funds $8.131.82
post office funds —— 3.954.77

~~The~~ Drafts have been drawn against these sums but they have not yet appeared.

The deposites in the Mint for Coinage have fallen off within the last month. The misunderstandings which have, for a time, existed among the Banks have made it prudent for them to keep their specie under their immediate control and, as ~~the~~ so long a time is required to coin it in the Mint, they have not ventured to place it there. Our deposites have been from two sources. From the Banks, to get american coins to prevent exportations,- and from the public, for small coins, which are worth from 5 to 10 % more than dollars. The Banks have decided to resume specie payments tomorrow morning with the exception of two or three of them. this will throw small notes out of circulation - and ~~stop~~ place the currency of dimes and halves at their actual value. and, as we have made enough of them for the convenience of change, I expect ~~to see~~ the demand for them will be entirely stopped.

The Melter & Refiner has about 25 or 26.000 ounces of low bullion on hand which remains locked up as so much dead capital. He cannot use it for the want of fine silver - it is about 800 fine. Something has been said about sending it to the philadelphia Mint to be coined. ~~as~~ It seems to me that this is too large an amount to keep idle and, at the suggestion on Mr Kennedy, I beg to enquire what amount you have unoccupied in this way in the parent mint."

Much has been said here about the appointment of superintendent of this Branch. Some persons think that the nomination of Mr Caldwell will not be confirmed - and a great number of persons are applying for the place, some of them certainly very little qualified to fill it. Mr Balie Peyton U.S. dist Atty mentioned to me a few days ago that he had written to washington recommending that I should be appointed - I have made no application - but if a change is to be made, and I can keep the dwelling I would prefer the place of superintendent. It is my intention to ask two months leave of absence this summer, ~~to~~ visit washington and philadelphia, and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you before the summer closes.

I am, very sincerely
Your faithful servant
H Lammner

To
Dr R. M. Patterson.

From H. C. Cammack.
Treas Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 15. 1842.
Rec. " 24 "

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

N. ORLEANS
MAY
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1842	Nos					
		To Amount brought forward		$284.68	2,697	83
		Paid Wm. Smith,	per rect. No. 98.	264.00		
		" James Edgar	" " " 100.	3.85		
		" Sellers & Pennock	" " " 106.	2.00		
		" J. P. Morris & Co.	" " " 111.	198.92	753	45
March 31	440	" J. F. Girault	for Expenses incurred acct of the Mint		193	22
" "	441	" Wm. Whitney & Others	" Watching the Mint in March		263	50
" "	442	" W. Parks & W. J. Boyd	" Porter & Doorkeeper "	do	124	00
" "	443	" John H. Wielage	" Yard Laborer &c. "	do	62	00
					$4,094	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st. 1842.

Recd. May 24, '42

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Dr The United States, in Account with H. C. Cammack, Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans.
his account of the ordinary receipts & expenditures for the quarter ending the 31st of March. 1842. Cr.

			Dollars	Cts				Dollars	Cts
1842 March	31	To Amount paid from the 1st of January to this date, inclusive, for the Incidental & Contingent expenses & repairs of the Mint.	4,094	00	1841 Decr	31	By Balance remaining in the Treasurer's hands as per account rendered to this date	2,872	26
"	"	" Amount paid for Wages of Laborers employed at the Mint.	5,074	24	1842 Feby	26	" Amount of drafts of the Treasurer of the U. States No. 215. for the Incidental & Contingt. expenses & repairs of the Mint. Wages of Laborers, & Salaries of the Offices & Clerks.	10,025	00
"	"	" Amount paid for Salaries of the Officers & Clerks of the Mint, for the quarter ending this day.	3,225	00					
"	"	" Balance to new account	504	02					
			$12,897	26				$12,897	26

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1842.

Dr. The United States, for the Incidental & Contingent expenses & repairs of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, as paid to the following persons, from the 1st of January to the 31st of March 1842, inclusive, in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent of the marginal dates & numbers, Viz.

1842		Nos.			Dolls	Cts
Jany	11	405	To Day & Bennett	for Charcoal for Melting Dept.	35	00
"	12	406	" Benjn. Levy	" Stationary for the Mint	161	75
"	"	407	" Le Beau & Charbonnet	" Hardware for Melting Dept.	85	05
	28	408	" David Felt & Co	" Stationary for the Mint	39	00
Feby	3	409	" Albert Eames 1	" Work in Coining Department	120	25
"	10	410	" E. Johns & Co	" Stationary for the Mint	41	38
"	"	411	" Zacharie Hillman & Co	" Candles, Soap &c. for Melting dept.	97	05
"	11	412	" A. S. Trumbull	" Charcoal for Melting dept.	86	50
"	15	413	" Rieder & Co	" Paints, Oils &c. for Coining dept.	80	34
"	19	414	" F. E. Tarrant	" Neats foot Oil. do do	28	00
"	22	416	" Prague & Sherman	" Lumber for the Mint	200	09
"	23	417	" Hermann Wicke	" Charcoal, Melting department	56	25
March	1	420	" Wm. Whitney & Others	" Watching the Mint in Jany & Feby	501	50
"	"	421	" W. Parks & W. J. Boyd	" Porter & Doorkeeper " do " do	236	00
"	"	422	" John H. Wielage	" Day Watch &c. " do " do	118	00
"	2	423	" Anderson Young 2	" Carpenters work in Coining dept.	85	87
"	"	424	" Rufus Chandler 3	Forging & Turning " do do	38	25
"	3	425	" Lucius Tyler 4	" making one Sett of Troy weights	281	25
"	"	426	" Albert Eames 5	" making Ingot moulds & repairg. Machinery	68	25
"	"	427	" James Pearson 6	" Blacksmiths work in Coining dept.	77	00
"	"	428	" George Tyler 7	" dressing Ingot rolls &c. " do do	35	00
"	4	429	" Layton & Co	" Hardware for Melting Dept.	226	05
"	31	437	" R. M. Patterson, Director, for expenses incurred at Philadelphia for acct of this Branch Mint, as per accompanying bills, Viz.			
			Paid H. L. Lipman,	per receipt No. 83. $ 4.00		
			" George Tyler	" " " 85. 12.00		
			" George Eckfeldt	" " " 87. 10.00		
			" Lucius S. Tyler	" " " 88. 36.00		
			" Timothy S. Dyer	" " " 89. 88.81		
			" Marshall & Brock	" " " 90. 25.50		
			" Pioneer Company	" " " 91. 24.00		
			" J. H. Amer	" " " 95. 84.37		
			Carried forward	$284.68	$2,697	83

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Branch Mint New Orleans May 16. 1842.

R. M. Patterson, Director U. S. Mint.

Sir — I am pained, that in laying before you the following copies of letters &c. you will perceive there is not that cordiality of feeling, and that gentlemanly forbearance, between certain officers of this mint, which the dignity and prosperity of the institution require. I lay this matter before you, not in the way of accusation, but merely to vindicate myself in your esteem. Content to perform the duties of my department to the best of my ability, I have neither thought it incumbent on me, nor felt it my inclination to inquire into, and interfere with the affairs of my fellow officers. Aware, when poor McCarthy was encouraged first to annoy me with slanders, and subsequently to procure my arrest, that different statements of the affair to my prejudice, were communicated indirectly to your ear, I think it proper to give you at once the length, breadth, depth, quality, beginning and end of this matter in an authentic shape.

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant

J. L. Riddell

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Copies.

Branch Mint New Orleans May 7th 1842.

J. M. Kennedy Esq. Supt. Br. Mint.

Sir. As you apprised me this morning that you think it your duty when the progress of the mint is endangered by arrest of any of its officers, to immediately lay the fact before the Director at Philadelphia

I address you this note. I have been unprovokedly arrested on the affidavitt of a fellow officer, the coiner, R. B. Tyler, on a base, false, slanderous, and malicious charge; viz— beating and abusing a woman. I request you to withhold your report from the Director until after Wednesday 11th. inst. at which time the same will undergo legal investigation, and if the charge be in any degree sustained, I will save you trouble, by tendering at once my resignation as melter and refiner. I am not aware of having given any cause of provocation or offence to the coiner, that he should thus be induced to organize and attempt to execute a plan for my destruction. The only subject of difference between us, which has ever lately received a moments thought from me, has been his refusal for near six months past to pickle the silver clippings from which dimes and half dimes are cut. Of this you have been aware. I have looked upon Dr. Patterson's letter of (*) as requiring they should be pickled; and I have consequently supposed I have been a constant loser by receiving them without. I could not have supposed that this difference of opinion could have prompted the coiner, to attempt the ruin of my character, and my consequent displacement from office, by the spreading of slanderous reports and the adoption of active hostile measures. But thanks to an unerring Providence, I am not only innocent of all the slanders alleged, but have the most ample and satisfactory means of establishing my innocence, by meeting these slanders and refuting them. Respectfully &c.

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*Date not set down, in the copy you gave me. I suppose it must have been Jan. or Feb. 1841. Subject— Comments on my annual settlement of Dec. 31. 1840.

J. L. Riddell

State of Louisiana vs. John L. Riddell.
Recorder's office Municipality No. one.

Personally came and appeared before me, Paul Bertus, Recorder of Municipality No. one of the city of New Orleans, duly commissioned and sworn as justice of the peace, P. B. Tyler, who being duly sworn declares, that he is credibly informed by one Widow Ann Mack Sheehy that on several occasions and again in the morning of the 5th instant at the hour of about o'clock in the United States Branch Mint Hotel within the first municipality, she was assaulted, beaten, bruised and mutilated by one John L. Riddell against the peace and dignity of the state. Deponent further states that from the blows she received from said Riddell she lies now on her bed.

Signed P. B. Tyler.

Sworn to and subscribed at
New Orleans May. 6. 1842,
before Paul Bertus.
Recorder My No. 1.

Mrs. Mack Sheehy's statement, deposited in the Recorder's office. Concluding part.

"Though I received blows from some women in J. L. Riddell's house, yet I hereby declare that from J. L. Riddell personally I have never heretofore received any corporeal abuse whatever. New Orleans May 9th 1842.

Signed, Mrs. Bridget Ann Mack Sheehy.

Attest

Signed Anne Byrnes

Ann her x mark Burns, wife of John Burns."

Recorder's decision

Defendant "honorably discharged."

"New Orleans 11th May, 1842

Signed Paul Bertus

Recorder M'y. No. 1."

From Dr. J. L. Riddell
N. O. Br. Mint;
New Orleans.

May 16. 1842.

Rec.d " 25. "

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Mint U.S.
May 19th, 1842.

Sir,

In a letter of the 15th of February, I called your attention to the ~~fact~~ circumstance that the Committee of Ways & Means had cut down the appropriation for wages of workmen at your Mint, from $22,000 the amount asked, to $2000, in consequence, as the Chairman informed me, of your having $12,320, under this head, undrawn at the end of 1841. I told you that I had written to Mr. Fillmore on the subject, ~~&~~ and had mentioned, that, even on his own ground, the appropriation should ~~&~~ only have been reduced to $10,000; but, as I was not acquainted with the true condition of your appropriations for last year, I could not speak positively with regard to it, and therefore I begged that you would yourself "act ~~prompt~~ promptly and effectually in the matter, or your operations for the present year might be most seriously embarrassed."

I received no answer to this letter, and am still not in possession of the necessary facts to enable me to make a ~~full~~ proper representation of the case to the Committee. I observed, however, that an attempt was made in the Senate, to ~~raise~~ increase this item of appropriation, and I supposed therefore that you had taken the measures recommended to you. But I have now before me a copy of the appropriation bill as passed into a law, and I am distressed to find that your appropriation for

"Compensation of workmen" is but $2000.

Now I pray you, on the receipt of this letter, to inform me of the true state of your last year's appropriations as to this item, and, moreover, to give me a statement of the amounts paid, in each ~~month~~ quarter of 1844, for "wages of workmen." — It is very important, ~~moreover~~ besides, that you should write to the representatives from New Orleans, and any other members of Congress whom you can ~~d~~ interest in the matter. If this appropriation cannot be increased, I see not ~~no course left for you but~~ how your operations can be con~~ducted~~ = tinued.

R.M.P.

To Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Superintendent of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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May 20. 1842.

New Orleans 21 May 1842

Sir

I send you a newspaper giving an account of Mob. yesterday.

This morning every thing is quiet.

I am your obt s

H Cammack

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To Dr Paterson

From

A. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 21. 1842
Rec. " 31. "

Mint U.S.

May 24, 1842.

Sir,

In the estimates which I presented for the expenses of the New Orleans Mint for the present year, I set down the item "for the wages of workmen" at $22,000, my estimate being founded on information received from the Superintendent.

In the beginning of February last, the ~~propose~~ congressional document exhibiting the appropriations ~~recom~~ reported by the Committee of Ways and Means came into my hands, and I was surprised to see this item of $22000 cut down to $2000. I immediately wrote to the Chairman, Mr. Fillmore, and learned from him that the amount of this appropriation had been reduced in consequence of a balance of $12000 of the corresponding appropriation of last year remaining undrawn at its close.

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On the 15th of February, I replied to Mr. Fillmore that I had no doubt that this sum of $12000, although undrawn at the close of 1841, had actually been expended; and it is, indeed, impossible that there could have been a saving in the cost of wages of more than half the whole appropriation. I called his attention, moreover, to the circumstance that even if $12000 could be legitimately deducted, it would reduce the amount required to $10,000 and not to 2000.

As I had no precise information, however, as to the actual expenditures of the New Orleans Mint for 1841, I informed Mr. Fillmore that I had written to the Superintendent to call his attention to the ~~th~~ matter, — which I did, in fact, on the same day. [illegible]

In consequence of this letter, Mr. Kennedy wrote to Mr. Fillmore and to Mr. Barrow, and I presume he communicated to them the necessary explanation as to the $12,000 undrawn at the end of the last year, — for I observe that an attempt was made in the Senate to increase the appropriation. ~~for wages~~

~~[illegible]~~ ~~to increase this appropriation.~~

I have been surprised and alarmed, however, at finding, that the actual appropriation made, in the recent law, for paying the wages of the workmen at the New Orleans Mint, during the whole of the present year, is but $2000. Although I am still uninformed as to the actual expenditures of the last year, and as to the true balance, if any, applicable to the present, yet I cannot doubt, that if Congress does not make a new appropriation under this head, the operations of the Mint must be ~~forthwith~~ suspended.

Under these circumstances, I have taken the liberty of addressing you, as representative from the Orleans district, to ~~ask your attention to the~~ ~~invoke your to come to the rescue of your Mint~~ ~~aid~~ ask your aid in arresting, from the Branch Mint, an evil which would, ~~as~~ I believe, ~~surely~~ ~~destroy it or~~ arrest its course, when such does not seem to be the ~~desire~~ intention of Congress.

May I suggest to you the ~~importance~~ propriety of first ascertaining, at the Treasury Department, what have been the actual payments made, during the year 1841, for wages of ~~the~~ workmen; so as to be able to state, with certainty, what bonâ fide balance, if any, was left available for the present year. This balance is the ~~important point~~ basis on which the reduction was founded, and ~~true~~ it is important to know how far it ~~is well founded~~ ~~I feel quite confident that~~ really extends.

I have written to Mr. Kennedy again, to rouse his attention to the condition in which his Mint is likely to be placed, and to ask the above information, but I fear that the time ~~spent~~ lost in so distant a correspondence cannot now be spared. — The Committee of Ways & Means have most onerous duties to perform, and moreover I am unable to lay before them a case different from that presented by me in February. I hope, therefore, that you will

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execute my appeal to you. — The propriety of maintaining the Branch Mints is a grave question, with regard to which a difference of opinion may well exist; but if they are to be abolished, I believe that most right-minded persons will agree that this should be done by the force of a direct law, and not by the withholding of a necessary appropriation. As the law at present stands, the effect must be that the operations will be suspended, and the workmen discharged, while the officers, with nothing to do, will continue to receive their salaries.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.

To/
Hon. Edwd. D. White.

N. O.

May 24-25. 1842.

To/ Hon. Edwd. D. White,
Ho. Repr.
Washington.

Washington 27th May 1842

Sir,

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I acknowledge your letter of the 24th inst. The subject alluded to, the appropriation for the labourers in the New Orleans mint, had previously been a source of solicitude.— The state of the case is certainly not exactly as it should be, tho' I don't think it quite as bad as you apprehend.

It appears by the Books at the Treasury, that the real available, undrawn balance on the 1st January 1842, was $12320, of which $5000 have since been drawn — To this sum of 12320 remaining on hand for the year

1842, add the $2000, of the Bill and the available aggregate is $14320, which the committee considered would be about equal to the average expenditure of some years past, under that head. The calculation is too low - it will in all probability fall short of the exigence some three or four thousand dollars; but there was no reasoning with the spirit of Curtailment. It was but applying to this item, the system brought to bear on every thing else - the army, the Navy, the civil functionaries. If the provision for the labours at the ~~[illegible]~~ mint should prove insufficient, they will, I suppose have to wait for justice in the appropriation of next Session, which, the session being a short one, will of necessity be acted on at a comparatively early day. — Your obt. St

E D White

R. M. Patterson Esq

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From
Hon. Ed. D. White,
House Reps.
Washington.

May 27. 1842.
Rec.d " 28. "

No

New Orleans May 29th. 1842

Dear Sir

I am informed by Mr Cammack that he sent you $20. subject to my order. & that you require my order befor it can be paid &c Accordingly I herewith send you the order required. I should have sent an order at the time to Mrs Tyler. but when I handed. 32$ to Mr C's clerk. merely told him to request you to pay $12 to Martin Summers for Mr Hooper. & the remaining $20. to Mrs Tyler.

When I conversed with you last summer. you was of the opinion that this branch mint would be suspended for 3. months every summer. The Secy of the Treasury also, expressed the same opinion. and I sincerely hope for my own part that it may be the case; for my health is so very bad. as also that of my wife. that we really require some change. if not by a visit to a northern climate, at least. of recreation in the country. I believe that by suspending all the workmen but 2 or 3. for 3 months beginning with the 15th of July- the government will not only effect a saving of several thousand dollars, but the public will be perfectly satisfied-

I have made two or three important improvements in our machinery since my return from the north

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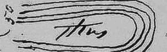
I mentioned to Mr Peal when there that I had thoughts of improving the draw bench so that one man could operate it, but having some doubts of its success, I did not describe my plan — I have since discovered a very simple mode of doing it. which did not cost in all over $20. which has been in operation now two months. most admirably. and is not only worked by one man, with perfect ease. but nearly twice as fast, as by 2 men in the old way.

I at once adopted the new mode of greasing. which suggested the necessity of bringing the strips into the drawing room free from short crooks. for which I have made an improvement in the mode of annealing strips which has also been in use two months with perfect success. we put about 50 strips into an iron frame in the form of a loop 

four of which go into the furnace at one time. After they are sufficiently heated. which is done perfectly even with less trouble than in the old way. the frame is turned bottom upwards upon a flat plate of iron which liberates the strips. and they are then straightened out, all at one time, while red hot. and forced hard agains a square bar of iron. & then dipped all at once into a long trough of water. This not only takes out all the short bends. and renders them perfectly straight. but saves one half of the time. formerly occupied in bending. annealing & straightening the strips. Besides the advantage of having 200. strips in the furnace at one time, renders necessary for the annealer to stand at the furnace only one fifth part of the time formerly occupied. which is no small importance in this climate. Our last improvement is in the hot rolling. which consists simply in fixing guides to bring the ingots out straight. So that ~~the~~ no experience, or trouble is required in taking them out rapidly, So far as putting the ingots through the rolls is concerned. just one half of the time is saved, as two ingots can now be put through in as short a time as one could possibly have been done before – an advantage is als derived from their being straights, as they are much more easily handled. we generally heat 4000. ounces at a time which is equal to 110 ingots. which as a rule with us are now rolled. 5 times through with the usual numbe of heatings. in from 45. to 50 minutes & has been done in 30 This time is taken however from the time the rolling commen exclusive only of the first heating – These guides ar only a part of the improvement in the hot rolling. as I believe that it can be arranged so that 2 men can do the heating & rolling with the same ease that 4 now do it. – Should our Mint suspend. I shoul be tempted to make an economical trip to the north. as the expense would be about the same, as for suitable recreation here.

Yours Sincerely

Philos B. Tyler

To/ Dr B. M. Patterson

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From P. B. Tyler, Esq.,
Coiner Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 29. 1842.
Rec^d. June 7. "

NEW ORLEANS MAY 29

To Dr R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint Philadelphia
Pa

June 7 1842

Mint of the United States.
July 21, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., with which you sent me a "Summary Statement of the Silver Account of the 4th quarter of 1841, of the New Orleans Branch Mint as stated in accordance with the corrected account furnished by the Treasurer", and ask me "to examine the form in which the credits appear, and my opinion as to their being properly introduced in this account, — and if not, to suggest some mode by which they could be put in due form."

I have given the subject my careful attention, and have consulted such parts of my correspondence with the New Orleans Mint as have a bearing upon it, and I now send you my views embodied in two ~~accounts~~ sheets, — one presenting a Silver Bullion Account, the other, the Melter & Refiners Account of Silver. ~~The Silver Bullion Acc^t~~ ~~The first of these~~ The first, of these is in a great measure fictitious as to the amounts, but you have the means of substituting the right numbers.# ~~Some of the items also may not exist in the account true account,~~ ~~You will perceive~~ though ~~that I have objected to two of the credits as~~ ~~they are such as may properly belong to accounts of the kind~~ ~~the Statement submitted to me.~~ The first is — "~~Silver~~ Ordinary Deposits &c ~~for amount transferred~~ ~~for smelting sweeps~~ ~~The second will be suffi-~~

* The charge to "Sundry Accounts" would not appear in the true Account, unless some of the deposits in this quarter remained unpaid at the end of it. I deem it best, however, to give all the items that may properly be introduced into an account of this kind.

The M. & R.'s account of Silver will be sufficiently explained by the notes which accompany it, and in this account, I believe the amounts to be correct.

I ~~am~~ have not been able to determine, from the summary submitted to me, what was the form of the silver bullion account rendered by the Treasurer of the New Orleans Mint, ~~but from the face of it, it would appear that some of the credits have not been properly introduced~~ and I have therefore thought it best to lay before you such forms as I ~~think~~ judged ~~are best~~ suited to the case, and free from ~~un~~objection~~able~~.

R. M. P.

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To/
Tully R. Wise, Esq.
First Auditor.

To/
Tully R. Wise, Esq.
First Auditor,
Washington.

July 21. 1842.

(mailed 22d.)

NEW ORLEANS - 1842 (CONT.)

Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurers Office 31 May 1842

Sir

By request of Mr Kennedy, I send you herein, Dr Riddell's account made out in Conformity to your Letter of 5th instant, as I understand it. This is sent to you for your approval, as well as that of the Secretary of the Treasury, if you think such necessary, before the entries are made on the Books of my Office - I will be obliged if you will return the account to me with your instructions -

Since the resumption of specie payments by our Banks, the deposits in the Mint for Coinage have fallen off, almost entirely - Only 6 deposits have been made amounting to 1800 Ounces - I attribute this to two Causes - One, that the resumption having caused dimes and half dimes to pass for their actual value, say 10 and 20 to the dollar, there are no longer any inducements to have them coined - the other, that the Banks are all so much press'd for specie, that they are unwilling to put any of their means out of their possession, unless with a certainty of being able to get it back without delay, and when wanted by them - The Mint has now deposited for Coinage, - into half and quarter dollars 42000
" dimes . . 50000
" Half dimes . . 5000 $97.000

and I have now in my possession about 50.000 in Coins -
The Government deposit is about 20000 $ (after deducting the amount due by Mr Forstall) and this is not enough to cover the amount which is usually kept by the Melter & Refiner in low standard bullion, grains &c We cannot consequently pay depositors with any promptness, unless the

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the Government deposit be increased, or the bullion on hand worked down to a smaller amount - Last Summer when we suspended operations, we were compell'd to let a deposit, made by one of our Banks, remain over, until the Mint recommenced work -

Doctor Riddell has left in my possession $48 43/100 to be paid to Mr Greenfield, as recommended in your Letter of ~~4~~5 instant, which sum I hold subject to your orders - if you desire, it shall be remitted to you

I have the honor
to be, Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

P.S. No allowance of wastage has been made the Melter & Refiner on "the amount of 37.69530 Oz of Silver delivered on "31 December 1840, and re-delivered the next day"

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 31. 1842.
Rec.d June 11. "

(Copy.)

Statement of the net amount of sweeps, shipped to J. H. Furness, New York, in January 1842, as per actual returns through the Director of the Mint.

Weight of Sweep — 44 7/6 Cwt.
Deduction for smelting - $ 7/- per cwt
Whole cost of Smelting —— $ 331.25 -
Total gross value of the sweep
as per Smelter's assay — $ 776.79
hence net value — — $ 445.54

Now of the $776.79. There is silver — $425.37
" Gold — — $ 351.42
776.79

$$776.79 : 445.54 :: \begin{cases} 425.37 : \$\,244 = 209\tfrac{62}{100} \text{ ozs} = \text{the net value of the contained silver} \\ 351.42 : \$\,201.54 = 10.\tfrac{84}{100} \text{ ozs} = \text{the net value of the Gold} \end{cases}$$

This $10\frac{84}{100}$ ozs of Gold was not reported in the Gold account at the time of the Annual settlement Dec: 31. 1841; but a claim for $16.\frac{5}{10}$ ozs. Wastage was allowed. Now if from $16\frac{5}{10}$ are taken the $10\frac{84}{100}$, the allowance for wastage will be reduced to $5\frac{66}{100}$ ozs, which being in $10,822\frac{31}{100}$ ozs of Gold bullion, would be near 1/4 the limits of legal allowance.

Hence amount to be carried to my debit on the Gold account in the Treasurer's books — — $\overset{\text{oz. dec.}}{10.84}$ = $

Settlement of some suspended items, in the silver account of the Melter and Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, as presented Dec: 31st 1841, in annual settlement. This settlement is in accordance with the views of the Director, as per letter to our superintendent of May 5th 1842.

Melter and Refiner in account with Treasurer, Dr.

1. To allowance for smelting 30 cwt. of sweeps, left by my predecessor, Mr. Maxwell; debited to me, on the 28th February 1841, at $306.\frac{20}{100}$ oz standard, its gross value, without deduction for smelting, and included in Warrant No. 14. as clippings, viz, 30 cwt. at $7½ per cwt. – – – – – oz dec. 193.36 $225.

2. To silver wastage made full for 1840, thus:— amount of silver bullion delivered to me during

1840 – – – – – – – – $1,137,487\frac{25}{100}$ oz.

Full 2 pm wastage on this $2,274\frac{97}{100}$

Wastage claimed and allowed 2,000-

Difference $274\frac{97}{100}$

In same settlement a claim for 300 oz of silver in Gold Alloy was disallowed, and re-charged to me 30th April 1841, as per Supt. Warrant for ~~clippings~~ No. 17. said item carried out oz. dec. 274.97 $

The sum of the two foregoing items $468.\frac{33}{100}$ oz in lieu of $556.\frac{36}{100}$ oz as claimed by me in annual settlement, to be carried to my credit in the Books of the Treasurer. oz dec 468.33 $

Brand Mint New Orleans

May. 26th 1842- (Signed) J. L. Riddell

Melter & Refiner

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Recd. June 11. 1842.
from H.C.C.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
June 1. 1842.

Sir,

You will find enclosed a Statement of the operations at this Mint, during the last month, and a Memorandum from Mr. Cammack, giving all the information you desire, relative to our appropriations for "Wages of Workmen". In a letter of the 6th March I informed you that I had, immediately on the receipt of yours of the 15th February written to Messrs Fillmore and Barrow on the subject of that item in our estimate for 1842 – That part of my letter must have escaped your recollection, when you stated, that you had recd no answer to yours of the last mentioned date. Mr. Cammack has sent, for your examination, at my request Dr. Riddell's account "remodelled" in conformity with the views, expressed in your communication to me of the 5th ult. You will oblige me by sending it with your remarks, to the Treasury Department. The last 4 boxes of dies, the receipt of which I now acknowledge, contained 2 ¼ dollar tail, 2 pr. of dime, and 3 pr. of ½ dollar dies –

Respy your obdt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Phila.

The National Archives of the United States

From
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 1. 1842
Recd. " 11. "

(May Report, &c.)

Sir

On the 31st. December 1839. the unexpended appropriations for Compensation to Laborers for the Branch Mint at New Orleans according to a Statement from the Office of the Register of the Treasury, ~~Has~~ of 2 March 1840 was.

On the 31st. December 1839 … of 2 March 1840 was.	$17,244.78
The appropriations for 1840.	22,000.00
" " " 1841.	22,000.00
	$61,244.78

According to my account, I have drawn as follows,

1840.	31. March	$3000.–		
"	10. June	4000.–		
"	8. August	3137.50		
"	19. Septr.	3137.50		
"	21. Novr.	4750.00	$18,025.00	
1841.	27. March	$4750.–		
"	8. May	4750.–		
"	30. July	4800.–		
"	12. Novr.	4800.–	19,100.00	
1842.	26. February		5,000.00	$42,125.00
			Leaving undrawn balce. of	$19,119.78

I do not know what portion of this sum has been carried to surplus fund.

The Payments for Wages of Laborers by me have been, as follows,

1st Quarter	1840.	$4939.28	
2d do	"	4929.28	
3rd do	"	4927.12	
4th do	"	4754.68	
			$19.550.36
1st Quarter	1841.	$4731.74	
2nd do	"	4803.11	
3d do	"	4531.25	
4th do	"	4654.00	
			18.720.10
1st Quarter	1842.		5.074.24
			$43.344.70

I am yours truly
H C Cammack Jr
U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1842.

To

J. M. Kennedy Esqr
Superintendent

Recd June 11. 1842.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of May 1842.

Deposites

Kind of Deposite	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Bullion	115	98	91	193	1,696	59	1,696	59		
Foreign Coins	8	67	8	284	154	12	154	12		
									1,850	71
Silver										
Foreign Bullion	2,399	75	2,532	95	2,947	40	2,939	26		
Foreign Coins	9,900	20	9,824	09	11,431	55	11,403	11		
									14,378	95
							Total Deposites		$16,229	66

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Half Eagles	800	4,000	00		
				4,000	00
Silver					
Half Dimes	30,000	1,500	00		
Dimes	255,000	25,500	00		
Quarter Dollars	156,000	39,000	00		
Half Dollars	168,000	84,000	00		
				150,000	00
	609,800				
	Total	Coinage		$154,000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1842.
H. Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. June 11. 1842,

Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurers Office June 2nd 1842

Sir

I had the pleasure of addressing you on the 31st ultimo, with Doctr Riddells statement of corrections to be made in his account - I have since then thought it advisable, in order that you may more fully understand the position of this account, to send you copy of the one rendered by me to the department on 31 Decemb 1841 of the Melter & Refiners account of Silver - You will observe that there was then a balance against him, as shewn by my account of 55,636 standard Ounces, while his account, shewing no balance, contained items amounting to that sum, for which there were no Warrants from the Superintendent - The most correct way for settling, would perhaps be, for the whole to be made anew, but as my accounts for the 4th quarter of 1841 and 1 quarter of this year, with the Warrants Vouchers &c, have been forwarded, I trust that the corrections can be made in this quarter - the result will be the same.

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Appropriated this Session 2.000
14.320 $

equal to 3 quarters pay at 4500 $ per Quarter -

If the appropriations be not increased another year, it seems to me that we must take into consideration the necessity of reducing the expenses - this can be done only by reducing the pay to the Men; as the number cannot be well decreased - I send you a Copy of our pay Roll for the first Month of this quarter, to compare with wages paid at the Parent Mint

With much respect
Your faithful Servant
H McCammack
Treasurer

To
Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

P. S. Appropriations have been made for "building flues", & "Iron Rods"
As these expenses have been paid out of the Contingent fund,
Cannot I now draw that amount to be used in paying
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Branch Mint, New Orleans
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To

Doctr R. M. Patterson

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Double Only

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JUN 4

To Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint.—
Philadelphia.—

From H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 2. 1842.
Recd " 13. "

Pay Roll of Laborers for April

Name & Occupation			Wages per month	Amount pr day	Extra time		am't for extra work	Sums due	
John Brooks, Foreman in Coining		department	$100.00	$3.84				$100	00
Albert Eames	in	do	84.50	3.25	10.	days	$32.50	117	00
Peter S. Levick	"	do	84.50	3.25	2	"	6.50	91	00
Sylvester Huestis	"	do	84.50	3.25	9	"	29.25	113	75
Rufus Chandler	"	do	84.50	3.25	9	"	29.25	113	75
O. O. Lyons	"	do	78.00	3.00	1	"	3.00	81	00
Erastus Bates	"	do	78.00	3.00	10	"	30.00	108	00
Lawrence Stafford	"	do	78.00	3.00	6	"	18.00	96	00
William F. Dorsett	"	do	78.00	3.00	10	"	30.00	108	00
George Hooper	"	do	71.50	2.75	2	"	5.50	77	00
Richard Keen	"	do	71.50	2.75	2	"	5.50	77	00
Richard Stevenson	"	do	65.00	2.50	8	"	20.00	85	00
George Tyler	"	do	65.00	2.50	6	"	15.00	80	00
John Mintendorf	"	do	58.50	2.25				58	50
Saml. T. Riddell, Foreman Melting dept.			84.50	3.25	3	"	9.75	94	25
William Dovenor	in	do	78.00	3.00	3	"	9.00	87	00
John O'Brien	"	do	65.00	2.50	3	"	7.50	72	50
John Carroll	"	do	65.00	2.50	3	"	7.50	72	50
Francisco Gomez	"	do	65.00	2.50	3	"	7.50	72	50
Fredk. T. Nixon, in assaying department			78.00	3.00				78	00
								$1782	75

Dr. Melter & Refiner his Account of Silver Cr.

1841			Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	1841			Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts
Septr	30	To Balance as per account rendered to this date	12,918	08	15,031	92	Decr	31	By Silver Bullion received from him from 1st October to 31st December, per Warrants of the Superintendent Nos. 22 & 23.	179,514	01	208,889	02
Novr	30	" Silver Bullion delivered him, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 22	75,440	23	87,784	99	"	"	" Profit & Loss. For this amount allowed him, per warrant of the Superintendent No. 9. For wastage on 931,621.81 oz Silver Bullion delivered him from 1st January to 31st December 1841. inclusive.	1,863	24	2,168	13
"	"	" Do. delivered him in Clippings, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 22.	14,937	00	17,381	23	"	"	" Balance to new account	556	36	647	37
Decr	31	" Silver Bullion delivered him, per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 23.	40,638	30	47,288	20							
"	"	" Do. delivered him in Clippings. per Warrant of the Superintendent No. 23.	38,000	00	44,218	18							
			181,933	61	$211,704	52				181,933	61	$211,704	52

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st 1841.

Rec^d. June 13. 1842

from H.C.C.

Abstract

Melter & Refiner's Accounts

of Silver

For the Fourth Quarter of 1841.

Unofficial.

Mint of the United States,
June 2, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your private letters of the 15 & 21 ult., and for the papers giving an account of the extraordinary outbreak in your city.

You say that your fund for Inc. Exps., (a phrase no longer admitted, it seems, as parliamentary,) is exhausted. I feel a great curiosity to know how it is with your last year's appropriation for Wages. Mr. Kennedy, in his estimate, asked for $22,000 for the present year, and you are aware, that but $2000 have been voted. This circumstance has given me great uneasiness, & my correspondence on the subject with the Superintendent has shown you the measures which I took to prevent so unprecedented a reduction. I was in want, however, of the necessary *data* on which to found an effectual remonstrance. For this purpose, it was necessary that I should be able to state the actual amount *expended* under the appropriation in question, in, or for, 1841, — & this I am still ignorant of.

On the 24 ult., I addressed your representative, Mr. White, on the subject of this appropriation. He answered that it had been a source of solicitude to him, but that "the case, though certainly not exactly as it sh'd be, he did not think quite as bad as I apprehended." He goes on to say, "It appears by the books at the Treasury that the real, available, undrawn balance, on the 1st of January, 1842, was $12,320, of which $5,000 have since been drawn. To this sum of $12,320 remaining on hand for the year 1842, add the $2,000 of the bill, and the available aggregate is $14,320, which the Committee considered would be about equal to the average expenditure of some years past, under that head".

Now this statement, which corresponds with that made to me by Mr. Fillmore, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means, leads necessarily to one of two conclusions, both of which are of a character to give me much uneasiness. The drafts made by you upon the Treasury may not correspond to your actual expenditures under this head, – contingent or other funds having been used to pay the Workmen, – in which case the supposed balance now available for this purpose is really not in existence, & you will be this year without funds. Or, secondly, I have been made to ask of Congress an excessive & unjustifiable appropriation. "Which of the two to choose"?

You surprise me by the statement that you are not yet entirely relieved from the operations of the Subtreasury.

You mention that your Melter & Refiner has about 26000 oz. of silver at as low a title as 800 ~~th~~, and has no fine silver to raise. I should hardly suppose that this circumstance could cause him any embarrassment. The silver can be readily, & most properly, refined by the use of the test) and I understand that Dr. Riddell has constructed a test furnace. It would not look well to send this bullion to another Mint for coinage. You justly remark that the amount is too large to remain idle, and there is certainly no sufficient reason why it should. Nothing of the kind is permitted at this Mint.

I have a letter from Dr. Riddell, of the 16th ult., respecting an affair, in which it appears, from copies of official documents, that Mr. Tyler became a voluntary accuser of Dr. Riddell on a charge which was not only not sustained by evidence, but overthrown by the oath of the person in whose behalf he came forward. If there be not, (as usual,) two sides to this story, it is very unfavorable to Mr. Tyler.

I hope you may get the holiday you intend to ask for, & that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at Philada.

Very respectfully, &
faithfully yours,
R. M. Patterson.

To/
H. C. Cammack.

To/ H. C. Cammack.
U. S. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,

June 2. 1842,

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office 2 June 1842

Sir

In your letter of 16 March last, you suggested the propriety of letting the account of Dr. Riddell, the Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, lie over, until you had recd. answers to inquiries which you had addressed to the Superintendent respecting the wastage claimed. Will you please to inform me, whether or not, you have recd. a reply, as the adjustment of the last two accounts of the Orleans Branch is delayed, awaiting the information you called for.

I am very respectfully
Your Mo. Obt Servant
Wm. Anderson
Acting Auditor

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of Mint
Philada.

From/ John Underwood, Esq.
Acting First Auditor.
June 2d, 1842.

Recd. 4th.

Mint of the United States.
June 4, 1842.

Sir,

I have this morning received a letter from the Acting First Auditor of the Treasury, calling my attention to Dr. Riddell's account, and I have in answer referred to my communication to you of the 6th ult., from which I have given ~~some~~ extracts explanatory of the ~~principles~~ ~~terms~~ grounds on which I judged that this account ought to be presented and settled. I have also promised him to ~~call~~ ask your immediate attention to the matter, which I now do with the greatest earnestness.

R. M. P.
Director.

P.S. In your letter of May 6th, you acknowledge the receipt of a box of dies, viz: 1 pr. ¼ doll. & 1 pr. ½ dime, sent by us on the 28th of March. Since then there have been sent the following which are yet unacknowledged:

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

March	30,	- 1 Box	containing	1 pr. ¼ doll., & 1 pr. ½ dime	dies.
April	26,	- 1 "	"	1 pr. dime, & 2 tail ¼ doll.	"
"	30	- 1 "	"	1 pr. ½ doll., & 1 pr. dime	"
May	4	- 1 "	"	1 pr. ½ dollar	"
"	5	- 1 "	"	1 pr. ½ dollar	"

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 4/42.

Mint U.S.
June 4th, 1842.

Sir,

The subject of Dr. Riddell's account, ~~of~~ to which you remind me in your letter of the 2d inst., has not failed to command my attention. The inquiries, premised in my communication to your office of the 14th March last, were made, — answers were received, — assays made, — and, at length, on the 5th of May, I was enabled ~~so~~ to lay my views before the Superintendent of the New Orleans' Branch Mint, in such terms as I hoped would have enabled him to present to the Department, by this time at latest, an amended ~~and acceptable~~ account. ~~After premising~~ I take the liberty of subjoining a copy of a part of this communication.

"I believe that you have in my former letters on this subject, and in the present, all the views &c.
[Copy as marked. From to]
"The responsible officer must pay the difference."

I write to-day to New Orleans, to mention your letter, and to urge immediate action in the case, if such has not already been taken.

R.M.P.
Director

To Jno. Underwood, Esq., }
Acting First Auditor. }

Exd/

John Underwood, Esq.
Acting First Auditor.
June 4/42.

Mint of the United States.
June 11th, 1842.

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 1st inst., transmitting ~~you~~ the statement of the operations of your Mint for ~~[illegible]~~ May, with other papers.

I am much relieved by the information now communicated to me as to the state of your appropriations for Wages of Workmen. Under the act of March 3d, 1795, Sect. 16, it is clear that the whole balance of $19,119.78 is still available to you;—for I take it for granted that you have always made your requisitions out of old appropriations, until they were exhausted. I regret exceedingly, that by leaving me in the dark as to this unexpended surplus, you have given me much unnecessary anxiety, and placed me in a false position before the Department and the Committee of Ways & Means. You presented your estimate to me, with the item for wages $22,000; an amount which could only be justified on the supposition that you had no unexpended balance at your command. I accordingly assumed this as a fact, and felt sure that there must have been some misapprehension in the case on the part of the Committee of Ways & Means, as there really was, in the same item, with regard to the Philadelphia Mint. As matters actually stand, the appropriation of $2000 seems to me to be sufficient, with proper economy.

I had, ~~in fact~~ as you suppose, overlooked or forgotten, the mention made in your letter of the 6th of March of your having written to Mr. Fillmore and Mr. Barrow, — but my attention was soon after called to the paragraph, and it was referred to in my subsequent correspondence

It is with great satisfaction that I have received, at last, an account made out by Dr. Riddell, to which I can give ~~and to give~~ my approbation, so far as principles are involved. As to some of the items, your own books are the only authority. I return Dr. Riddell's statement, at the request of Mr. Cammack; but I shall send a copy to the Department, with a statement that it is in accordance with my views. ~~f l~~ The account itself must go to the Department from you, with the balance now due by Dr. Riddell paid. I send a statement of the account which I had drawn up for my own satisfaction. You will see that it brings the balance against the Melter & Refiner $335.38.

I must now urge upon you the importance of a more frequent settlement of the accounts with the Melter & the Coiner, and request that such settlements be made at least twice in the year, — one, of course, ~~namely~~ at the end of December; ~~and~~ ~~(or both)~~ ~~and~~

The other period will probably be best fixed for the end of July,— as this is ~~at~~ the time when the sickly season at your city may be looked for, and when you have heretofore ~~had an interruption in your work~~ suspended your operations.

I beg you to take the earliest occasion for remitting me some funds on account of your Mint. I am now $54.31 in advance for you, and there is a bill due to Farr & co of $54.13, & to the Insurance Co. of about $12!

Please to tell ~~$~~ Mr. Cammack that I wish the $48.43, which Dr. Riddell has placed in his hands for Mr. Greenfield, to be remitted to me. It is most convenient, I think, that I should settle this account with him.

R. M. P.

W/

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. Your letter acknowledges the receipt of dies sent by us April 26, 30, May 4, & 5. You will see by my letter of the 4th inst. that a box sent March 30, containing "1 pr. ¼ doll., & 1 pr. dime dies", is still unacknowledged.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

June 11. 1842.

Account of Jan. 1, 1842, so far as it respects the Melter & Refiner, modified in conformity with his Statement of May 26. 1842.

		Ounces.	dec.
Gold: Dr.		10,822	316
Cr.		10,371	620
Balance,		450	696
Bullion weighed,	434.196		
Sweep,	10.840		
Wastage	5.660	450	696
Silver: Dr.		969,317	11
Cr.		933,088	70
Balance,		36,228	41
Bullion weighed,	33,398.93		
Net value of Sweep,	209.69		
Amt. required to pay for Smelting Sweep left by Maxwell: 30 cwt. @ ~~$8.~~ 7.53	193.36		
Amt. reqd. for making the Silver wastage of 1840 full,	274.97		
Full wastage on 931,621.81 oz. actually delivered in 1841, & exclusive of 37,695.30 oz. twice delivered, &c.	1,863.24	35,940	19
Leaving Balance against Melter & Refiner		oz. 288	22
equal to		$ 335.	38

June 11. 1842.

To/ J. M. K.

Mint of the United States.
June 11th, 1842.

Sir,

I send you herewith a copy of a State- ~~(received by me this morning)~~ ment,* made by the Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, in compliance with the views which I had presented relative to his wastage account, ~~and~~ the general principles of which I communicated to you in my letter of the 4th inst. This statement was sent to me by the Treasurer, Mr. Cammack, and received this morning. It is in accordance with the views which I gave to the First Auditor in my letter of the 16th of March; and an account conformable to it, which will no doubt be sent to your Department without delay, ought, in my judgment, to be ~~[illegible]~~ approved.

R. M. P.
Director

To
John Underwood, Esq.
Acting First Auditor.

To/

John Underwood, Esq.
Acting 1st Auditor.

June 11. 1842.

Treasury Department
June 11. 1842.

Sir

I beg leave to call your attention to the paragraph in the enclosed letter enclosed with brackets & you will be pleased to give such instructions to the officer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans in relation to the matter therein referred to, as you may deem necessary & proper.

Be pleased to return the Superintendents letter to the Department.

I am very Respectfully
W Forward
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From/
Sec. of Treasury.
June 11. 1842.
Recd. " 14. "

June 1842

Unofficial

New Orleans June 12. 1842.

Dear Sir

I send you a newspaper of this morning by which you will see that an adjourned meeting of the Citizens of this City is called to take place tomorrow evening to take into Consideration the deranged state of Our Currency. and it is much feared that something violent and unpleasant may follow.

All of our Banks but *three* have suspended. The suspended ones refuse each others notes and the specie banks ~~the~~ take none but specie notes. The consequence is that the paper of each suspended bank has a value of its own. varying from 6 to abt 30% dist.

The deposites in these Banks are *very heavy*, principally in those at the greatest discount, & the depositors are becoming desparate at the losses they have to sustain to convert them into funds that will be received by the other Banks in payment of debt. Matters are made worse too by the course pursued by parties holding bills receivable. They have withdrawn them from the weaker banks and place them in the stronger ones; where only the notes of these banks or specie will be received. Many too have been transferred to Specie Banks.

The Community is in a state of feverish excitement and we hear people talking familiarly about a *Mob* which will be formed if something be not done.

The dissatisfaction is not among the low people; *they* drew their 5s 10s & 20s dollars in silver while the banks *did* pay; it is among men of means, who had money on *deposite* in the Banks when they suspended, and such men too as we should look to as a guarantee to the tranquility of the city.

It is impossible to foresee how this business will end.— I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst and note contents. I have given Mr Kennedy the information ~~he~~ you ask abt the appropriations for wages: and the expenditure under that head. To day I have a letter from the Register of the Treasury in which, in answer to my enquiries, he states the sums remaining unexpended on 31 March 1842 of the appropriations for our Branch as follows: viz:-

Salaries of Officers and Clerks ...	180.70
Compensation to Laborers	7.320.-
Buildings &c	172.87

At that date I had drawn nothing towards paying expenses for the present quarter.

The difference between Dr Riddell and Mr Tyler, ~~to~~ of which it seems you have been informed by the former, will I expect, appear less unfavorable to Mr Tyler when you hear the other side of the story. Mr Tyler, I am sure, is not aware that the matter had been communicated to you. There is a publication on this subject in the paper I send you, which has been made, I know, without consulting Mr Kennedy, for he addressed me a note last evening begging me to see Dr Riddell and to request him not to make any publication as the matter of disagreement was not generally known, not having been noticed in any Newspaper. That we do not get on more successfully and more harmoniously at our Mint, is much to be regretted, but it will never be while organized as we now are.

I am very sincerely yours

H C Cammack

To
Dr R. M. Patterson.

☞ MOBILE MAIL—The Letter Bag of the Mobile Mail Line Boats will leave hereafter EVERY DAY at 10 1-2 o'clock, A M. A G SLOO,
je11 U S Mail Line Office, 25 Camp street

TO THE PUBLIC—*In justice to* J. L. RIDDELL, I deem it my duty to state, that when about a month since I gave information to the Recorder of the First Municipality, in behalf of a young woman who represented that she had been maltreated by him, I acted from sympathy, excited by misrepresentation to me, and as I have since had good reason to believe that I was grossly deceived by her, I will add that I believe J. L Riddell WHOLLY innocent of the charges made against him, and sincerely regret all the disagreeable circumstances which her intrusion upon me has caused.

P. B TYLER

New Orleans, June 11, 1842. je12 1t

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 13. 1842
Rec'd " 23. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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Unofficial

New Orleans 13 June 1842

dear Sir

In my letter of yesterday I mentioned that Mr. Kennedy had desired me to see Dr Riddell and request him to make no publication respecting the affair with Mr Tyler. I should have added that when I called for that purpose Dr Riddell was not at home and I had no opportunity of seeing him until after the publication had been made.

In Conversation with Mr Tyler this morning he ~~to~~ mentioned to me that he has been assured by Dr Riddell that he has made no Communication whatever to you on the subject of that affair. I did not apprize him that you *had* been written to, nor that I had received a letter from you.

I send you a morning's paper and remain

with much respect
your faithful servant
A. C. Cammack

To Dr R. M Patterson

From / H. C. Cammack
N. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 13. 1842
Rec'd. " 23. "

Branch Mint New Orleans
June 14. 1842.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Sir,

I am happy to inform you that the best feeling now exists between the coiner R. B. Tyler and myself, which I hope may long continue. Mr. T. has shown me a letter addressed by him to you this day. I concur with him in the request that no notice may be taken by you of our late misunderstanding or any of the circumstances connected therewith.

Respectfully your
Obedient Servant
J. L. Riddell

From Dr. J. L. Riddell
New Orleans Mint.
June 14. 1842.
Recd. " 23. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 14. 1842

Sir

I have Mr Kennedy's permission to address you to ask leave to absent myself from this City for about two Months during this summer. Leave of absence was given to me last summer but, as I had then a large amount of Government Money on hand, I could not profit by it.

I am very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
A. Cammack
Trsr.

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint.

Unofficial.
I addressed you a few lines yesterday. I understand that Dr Riddell has this morning admitted to Mr Tyler that he had written to you on the subject of their affair - and that Mr Tyler must have misunderstood him as to his stating that he had not. - The excitement abt the banks has subsided.

From/ H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 14. 1862.
Rec^d " 23. "

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans June 14 1842

Sir,

I write, for the purpose of consulting you, as to the propriety of stopping the operations of this Mint, during what is called the "dull season", viz from the commencement of July, to about the 1st of October. Our deposites have, in the last month, fallen off very considerably, and we anticipate that they will, in two weeks more, be so trifling as to furnish good grounds for a suspension. This will also, perhaps, be the best way to meet, in a great measure, the deficiency in our appropriation of this year for "Wages of Workmen". Should this suspension take place, Mr Tyler wishes, on account of the state of health of his lady, to have leave of absence during its continuance. Shall it be granted to him, as also to the other Officers who may desire it?

Respy yr obedt Servt

J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of
the Mint of the U: S
Phila

P. S.

P. S. I have just been informed that Dr. Riddell has written to you, in relation to a late difficulty, (now happily settled) between Mr. Tyler and himself, with the history of which I did not think it worth while to trouble you, inasmuch as it was of an entirely private nature, and as their official duties and relations were not, for a moment, interrupted by it. I have advised Mr. T. to give you his account of the matter, and I (who undertook the part of a Mediator) will, so far as it came under my observation, let you, in a few days, have mine. Until then, I beg you will not make up your mind about the case.

From / Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
June 14. 1842.
Recd. " 23. "

R. M. Patterson Esqre
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia

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Mint of the United States.
June 14th, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., in which you call my attention to a paragraph in a letter to you from the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, respecting a claim made by the Melter & Refiner in ~~the~~ ~~settl~~ his wastage account.

In reply I have to state that this account has been to me a source of extensive correspondence, and of much anxiety and vexation. The point referred to you by Mr. Kennedy is but one of many that were presented, and is the simplest of them all, — since no one could hesitate to reject the claim as contrary to the manifest spirit and intention of the law, and in itself absurd. ~~Any~~ It was not insisted upon by Dr. Riddell, and my opinion with regard to it was known, both to Mr. Kennedy and the Auditor, having been communicated to them on the 16th & 18th of March last. I know not why you have been troubled with it at this time.

Within five days of the date of Mr. Kennedy's letter, ~~a new statement of the~~ Dr. Riddell presented a new statement of his account, modelled after the views which I had ~~presented~~ communicated, in consequence of a request, to this effect, made by the First Auditor. ~~Of~~ this new statement was sent to me by Mr. Kennedy, and received on the 11th inst., when I sent a copy of it to the Acting Auditor. In this account, the objectionable features are all omitted; ~~including~~ — ~~that referred to you by Mr. Kennedy, among the rest.~~

The real difficulty in obtaining a just settlement of this wastage account has arisen from the circumstance that Dr. Riddell's wastage has exceeded the limits fixed by law, which has induced him to ~~try~~ use every exertion to reduce his ~~los~~ personal loss. The law, however, is imperative, and, however unfortunate it may be ~~when the~~ to the individual, yet when the loss exceeds the legal limit, the excess must be paid by the responsible officer.

I return Mr. Kennedy's letter as you desire.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec.y of Treasury.

+. ~~and the Treasurer makes wishes~~ and with regard to the question ~~now~~ referred to you by Mr. Kennedy, the Treasurer (Mr. Cammack,) expressly says: "No allowance of wastage has been made the Melter & Refiner on 'the amount of 37,695.30 oz of silver delivered on the 31st of December 1840, and redelivered the next day.'"

To/

Sec. of Treasury.

June 14. 1842.

New Orleans June 15th 1842

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

Sir

Having this day perused a copy of a letter written to you more than a month since, by Dr J. L. Riddell, enclosing a copy of a letter from him to Mr Kennedy, in which Dr Riddell appears to impute to me motives of conduct towards himself, quite different from what was really the case. I deem it my duty at once to apprise you, that the suspicions entertained by him of my motives were unfounded, as he himself has had good reason to believe, And as to my condu in the matter of which he has spoken, I did nothing, but what the circumstances of the case seemed to demand of me in duty, as a good citizen and a Christian under the influence of what I then thought to be good advice. But how far I erred in the matter no one can correctly judge without knowing all the circumstances in the case, which however I had hoped were never again to be called up; But should you still think it necessary, to convince yourself that I was not actuated by any hostile or malicious feelings towards a fellow officer, I must refer you to Mr Kennedy, who requests me to say that he has not thought it his duty to communicate the subject to you. I will say also. that at present, no differences exist between Dr Riddell and myself. and I earnestly desire that no farther notice may be taken of the matter.

Mr Kennedy informed me to day that he was about proposing to you, to suspend this mint during the summer months. and I have asked the privilege of leaving my post during the time of actual suspension. ~~and~~ I think of taking my wife to St Louis, & leave her there with some friends, while I go myself to Philadelphia. It appears to me that no objection will be made to our suspending, as we have now nothing, or but very little to do, and there is no prospect of any new deposites untill Autumn.

Respectfully

Your Faithful Servant

Philos. B. Tyler

From P. B. Tyler
New Orleans Mint.
June 15. 1842.
Recd. " 23. "

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

NEW ORLEANS La.
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Mint of the United States,
June 15, 1842.

Sir,

Dr. Patterson, having been suddenly called to Maryland, by the occurrence of an accident to his son residing there, ~~h~~desired me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst., & to notice some of the subjects referred to.

The ~~account~~ statement which you send us of the M. & R.'s Silver account up to Dec. 31, 1841, shows that the modified statement sent by the Director to Mr. Kennedy on the 11th inst. is erroneous, inasmuch as it is founded upon the statement of Jan. 1, '42 submitted by you to the Supt. & which exhibits a larger balance against Dr. Riddell than that which you now send. The difference is 409.88 ozs.; and as this is precisely the amount at which Dr. Riddell estimated his sweep in the settlement of Dec. 31, '41, I infer that ~~this~~ it has been paid over, & is included in the credit of 179,514.01 ozs. in your last statement. ~~Be this as it may,~~ you have all the facts at hand, & can readily make the necessary corrections

The Director remarked, in reference to the suspension of operations at your Mint, that any application to sanction it should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury.

To your question whether you cannot now draw the appropriations for "Building flues" & for "Iron Rods &c." & use them for Cont. Exps., (the Cont. Fund having already paid for said "flues & iron rods",) he desired me to give an affirmative answer.

Referring to yours of the 19th April, I have to state that your draft in favor of Mrs. Moore was paid in full ($250) as appears by the receipt taken from her at the time: the error occurred in charging it in the Day-book $200 instead of $250, & has since been corrected. Mrs Moore, at the suggestion of Dr. Hort, called at the Mint in regard to it, when the matter was fully explained to her.

Mr. Saxton has just finished the adjustment of your weights, & they shall be ~~shipped~~ without delay.

Yours, very respectfully,
Geo. F. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 15. 1842.

(Mailed 16th.)

Copy.

"U.S. Br. Mint, N. Orleans,
July 3/42."

Sir,

In a letter which I recd. some time ago from Dr. Patterson, he requested me to give him the exact state of our appropriations under the head of "wages of workmen". I accordingly sent him a memorandum, made out by the Treasurer of this Mint, by which it appeared that unless some portion of the amount had been carried to the surplus fund, we should have had to our credit, under that head, on the 31 March last $19,119.78.

In a subsequent letter the Director states, "that under the Act of March 3. 1795, Sec. 16, it is clear that the whole of the above balance is available to us, as he takes it for granted that we have made our requisitions out of old appropriations till they were exhausted." He adds "that the item of $22,000 for wages in our estimate presented to him for this year, could only be justified on the supposition that we had no unexpended balance at our command. That he assumed this a fact, and felt sure that there must have been some misapprehension in the case, on the part of the Com. of Ways & Means, as there really was in the same item with regard to the Philada. Mint." Finally, "he regrets that by leaving him in the dark as to this unexpended surplus, I have given him much unnecessary anxiety, & placed him in a false position before the Department & the Committee of Ways & Means."

The Director has, I think, not dealt justly with me.

I have never (nor did my predecessor, as the Dept. well knows,) made my requisitions from any particular years appropriations. Never having been informed of the necessity of so doing, I have taken it for granted, that these appropriations would, in the interest of the Mint, be remitted from, in *that* order which w'd make them longest available. If I have erred in my manner of drawing, I will ask you to favor me with the form in which I should make those requisitions hereafter.

The estimated amounts necessary for our expenses, for any year, have, on the other hand, never been stated to be required *independently* of any balance that might be to the credit of this Institution, at the end of the year pending. I have made them up *without any reference thereto*, leaving any & reduction that might be deemed proper, on that account, to be made by the Department possessing all the information relating to the subject, & through which these estimates are presented to the Committee.

No notice, whatever, of the unexpended balances, (which are unavailable after two years) has, if I mistake not, ever been taken heretofore, either by the Dept. or by Congress.

In a statement lately recd. from the Register of the Treasury "of the sums remaining unexpended on the 31st of March 1842 of the appropriations for the Br. Mint at New Orleans", the balance of the item of compensation to laborers, or wages of workmen, is stated at only $7,320. There is, as you perceive, between this sum and that supposed by the Director to be at our disposal, a difference of something like $12,000!

Permit me to request, that, upon ascertaining the true state of the case, you will take the proper steps to have the sum lately granted by Congress increased to the extent necessary to meet our wants, in that respect, for the year 1842.

Very respectfully,
your obdt. servt.
(Signed) Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt.

Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury

Recd July 16. 1842

(From J. M. K.)

Account of January 1st 1842. So far as it concerns the Melter & Refiner, modified in conformity with his Statements of May 26th 1842.

		Ounces	dec
Gold.	Dr.	10.822	316
	Cr.	10.371	620
	Balance	450	696
Bullion Weighed	434.196		
Sweep	10.840		
Wastage	5.660	450	696
Silver.	Dr.	969.317	11
	Cr.	933.088	70
	Balance	36.228	41
Bullion Weighed	33,808.81		
Amount required to pay for smelting sweep, Cert. by Maxwell, 30 cols at $8.5	193.36 ✓		
Amount required for making the Silver Wastage for 1840 full	274.97 ✓		
Full Wastage on 931.621.81 oz actually delivered in 1841 & exclusive of 37.695.30 oz twice delivered &c	1.863.24 ✓		
Amount received in Silver coins from the Melter & Refiner, $102.44 equal to	88.03 ✓	36.228	41

Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 28th 1842.
(Signed) H. C. Cammack,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office
28th June 1842.

Dear Sir.

I have at last settled the Bullion accounts of the Melter & Refiner up to 31st December by charging him $10\frac{84}{100}$ Std. ounces of Gold, for that amount found in his sweep. and by receiving from him $88\frac{03}{100}$ ℥ of Silver to make good the balance against him on that account.

The sweep was estimated at $409.\frac{88}{100}$ ℥, was received on 31st Decr. as bullion, and was returned on the following day & charged to him at the same valuation, included in the item of $33.808.81 in the annexed account. So far as the balance of the acct is effected, this is the same as if it had been debited & credited at the actual value of 209.69 In order, however, to make Dr. R's Silver Bullion actually delivered, sufficient to balance his account he has gone through the form of delivering to me (out of his salary for this quarter) & receiving back, the amt of $200\frac{19}{100}$ ℥ the difference between the estimated & the actual value of his sweep.

I have to day forwarded the accounts to the first Auditor of the Treasury. The entries will be made in the books in the present quarter.

Very Respectfully, Yours,
(Signed) H. C. Cammack.
Treasurer

To Jos. M. Kennedy Esqr.
Superintendent

Recd. July 26. 1862.

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans July 4. 1842

Sir,

I inclose a copy of Dr. Riddell's account as settled, up to the 31 Decr. last, and forwarded some days ago to the Department, together with the report of the Treasurer to me, accompanying the same. You will also receive herewith, a letter, which I had intended, as you will perceive, for the Secretary of the Treasury. I have thought fit, upon reflection, to send it to you, asking you to consider the requests therein contained as addressed to yourself, and leaving it to your sense of justice, if you think my explanations sufficient, to absolve me, wherever I may be now affected by it, from the charge of neglect contained in your letter of the 11th ult.

The box containing one pair of 1/4 dollar, and one pair of 1/2 dime dies sent by you on the 30th March last, was recd on the 12th April — I will ask the Secretary of the Treasury to put you in funds for the use of our Mint immediately after the passage of our Contingent appropriation, and am requested by Mr. Cammack to say, that he will soon, according to your request, remit to you the $48.43, for Mr. Greenfield.

Resp.
Y. obed. Servant

J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S. Phila.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c
New Orleans.
July. 4. 1842.
Recd. " 16. "

Branch Mint U. States New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 9. 1842.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Since I last wrote to you I have received a letter from Mr Dunning dated 15th ultimo, by which I learn that an unfortunate accident had happened in Maryland, to your son, by which it was probable that he would lose the sight of an eye. I sympathize deeply with you in the distress which you and your family must feel at this unhappy accident. I sincerely hope that the injury sustained may not be so great as was anticipated by Mr Dunning.

Enclosed I send you a cheque drawn by the Bank of Louisiana on the Merchants Bank N York for $\$48\frac{43}{100}$ - being for that sum paid to me by Dr Riddell for over estimate in the ~~St~~ Sweep sent to you. I should have sent the amount sooner but could not get a cheque at par.

Two More of our Banks suspended on Monday. So that only One now remains as a Specie paying Bank.

My quarterly accounts will be ready to be forwarded in a very short time. In a few days more I expect that the coinage which I will have on hand will be enough to pay all the depositors in full.

I am, your ob. & faithful St
H. C. Cammack
Tr.

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To
Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
July 9. 1842.
Recd. " 29. "

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
July 11. 1842.

Sir,

Enclosed you have the statement of our operations for June, which was not handed to me by the Treasurer, until this morning.

I did not send you the communication promised in my letter of the 14th ulto in consequence of information recd from Mr. Tyler and Dr. Riddell, of their have written to you, that the difference between them had been settled to the satisfaction of both -

respectfully, yr obt Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

R. M. Patterson Esqre

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada

From 1st
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
July 11. 1842
Recd. " 21. "

June Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of June. 1842.

Deposites

Kind of Deposite	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Bullion	42	00	24	396	453	87	453	87		
Foreign Coins	3,694	39	3,699	424	68,826	41	68,826	41		
U. S. Coins (Old emission)	114	77	116	172	2,161	36	2,161	36		
									71,441	64
Silver.										
Foreign Bullion	1,009	55	973	82	1,133	14	1,132	50		
Foreign Coins	10,965	02	10,905	36	12,689	85	12,676	51		
									13,822	99
					Total Deposites				$85,264	63

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Eagles	1,000	10,000	00		
Half Eagles	13,000	65,000	00		
				75,000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	26,000	13,000	00		
Dimes	252,500	25,250	00		
				38,250	00
	292,500				
	Total Coinage.			$113,250	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 30th 1842.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer.

Recd. July 21. 1842.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
July 12th. 1842

Sir

Accompanying this you will find a Summary Statement of the Silver a/c of the 4th. Quarter 1841 New Orleans Branch Mint as stated in accordance with the corrected a/c furnished by the Treasurer in which the items claimed by the Melter & Refiner appear to be allowed — Asking you to examine the form in which the Credits appear and your opinion as to their being properly introduced in this a/c — if not to suggest some mode by which they could be put in due form —

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Tully R. Wise

R M Patterson Esqr
Director &c

From/
Tully R. Wise,
1st Auditor.
July 12. 1842
Recd. " 14. "

Silver Bullion Dr

	Oz.		Dolls		Oz.		Dolls	
Amt Standard Silver Bullion remaining on hand on the 30th Sepr 1841 Viz:								
In the hands of the Coiner	4.228	39	4.920	27				
" " " Melter & Refiner	12.918	08	15.031	92	17.146	47	19.952	19
Amount of Standard Silver Bullion purchased and deposited for Coinage from the 1st Oct to the 31st Decr 1841					116.078	53	135.073	19
					133.225	00	155.025	38

Silver Bullion Cr

	Oz.		Dolls		Oz.		Dolls	
By Coins made from the 1st Oct to the 31st Decr 1841					80.877	50	94.112	00
" Amount of wastage allowed Coiner for the Year ending 31st Decr 1841					432	58	503	36
" " " " " Melter & Refiner " " " " " "	1.863	24	2168	13				
" " " " " ditto — to make the wastage full for 1840	274	97	319	96	2138	21	2488	09
" Ordinary Expense a/c for amt transferred to pay for Melting Sweeps of Mr. Maxwell					193	36	225	00
" Silver Coinage for this amt recd from the Melter & Refiner to balance his a/c					88	03	102	44
Balance remaining uncoined on the 31st Decr 1841					49.[illegible]95	32	57[illegible]94	49
					133.225	00	155.025	38

Recd. July 14. 1842

Mint U.S. July 13. 1842.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a statement of my account with your mint, for the quarter just closed, showing a balance in [illegible] my favor of $56.31. The error in my last a/c of charging your draft in favor of Mrs. S. M. Moore only $200, while $250 was paid, you will observe is corrected in the present acct. I have added a memorandum in pencil of the outstanding bills that you may supply me with the requisite funds.

R. M. P.
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P.S. Mr. Dunning informed you, during my recent absence from Philada., of my wish that the application for liberty to suspend the operations of the Mint, as heretofore, this summer, should be first made to the Department. The request will, I have no doubt, be either granted at once, or referred to me. In the latter case, I shall make no opposition to it, certainly, as I believe the proposed course not to be objectionable, under present circumstances. As to your personal desire for leave of absence, I have no objection to it, if it meet the approbation of the Superintendent.

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
N. Orleans.

To/

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c.
New Orleans.

July 13, 1842.

July 1842.

Mint of the United States.
July 21st, 1842.

Sir,

The enclosed letter addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, was sent to me with the following remark by that Officer.

"You will receive herewith a letter - - - - - - - - 11th ult." [Copy from letter in question.]

You will see from Mr. ~~Bradford's~~ Kennedy's letter that he has not kept in view, either in his requisitions or his estimates, the unexpended balances of former appropriations, ~~as this circumstance~~ and he shows that he is under the impression that I had never asked attention to these balances in making out these estimates. In this he ~~is wro~~ has fallen into a mistake by not having consulted my correspondence on the subject with his predecessor. In a letter to Mr. Bradford, of Sep. 27, 1838, – in which I first ask an estimate of annual expenses from the New Orleans Mint, I say:

— "I pray you to send me, as early as you can, an estimate of the appropriations wanted, for your Branch, for 1839. Remember that the unexpended balances of the present year will be available for the mint, and must therefore be considered in your estimates."

Application has been made to me for liberty to suspend the operations at the New Orleans Mint during the summer months, as has been found always necessary heretofore. The business at this Mint is already very much reduced,— the season is known to be always dangerous,— and the expenses, for which sufficient provision has not been made, would be reduced by interrupting the work. I would therefore join in asking your approbation of the suspension applied for.

R. M. P.
Dr

Hon. Walter Forward
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. May I take the liberty to suggest the propriety of communicating Mr. Kennedy's letter to the Committee of Ways & Means?

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

July 21. 1842.

Mailed 23d.

Mint of the United States.
July 23d, 1842.

Sir,

~~The~~ After you had stated that the valuation of the sweep sent to you from New Orleans did not correspond with your assay, and that it exceeded your estimate by $48.43, I caused the specimens you sent me, and others sent from the New Orleans Mint, to be assayed here, and I became convinced that there was sufficient reason to think that, by some mistake in the original assays, an overvaluation ~~to the amount~~ had occurred, and that it might be to the extent you had mentioned.

Now although the bargain I had made with you for the price of this sweep was conclusive, and although you frankly acknowledged that you could lay no claim to indemnity for your supposed loss, and have accordingly made no such demand, yet I thought the credit of the institution so far involved in the question, that I recommended to the New-Orleans Melter & Refiner, Dr. Riddell, that he should remove the possibility of blame in the case, by paying you the amount at which you had yourself estimated your loss, — and to this recommendation he [illegible] freely consented, and has sent me a draft for the amount. This I am ready to pay to you on your making application for it at the Mint.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Geo: Greenfield, Esq.
Refiner &c.

To/
Geo. Greenfield,
Refiner &c.
New York.
now at Philada.

July 23d. 1842.

Mint of the United States.
July 23, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., with a statement of the operations at your Mint for June.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th, with the enclosed communication to the Secretary of the Treasury, which I thought it but justice to you to forward to that office, with a copy of the paragraphs in your letter to me which refer to it. The course which you have pursued, in first submitting ~~you~~ to me your letter to the Secretary, is such as ~~becomes~~ was to be expected of you a high-minded gentleman. I have requested the Secretary to communicate the letter to the Committee of Ways & Means.

By looking over your files, you will find a letter from me to your predecessor, dated Sept. 27, 1838, in which I apply for the first estimate from your Mint, in the following terms:

"I pray you to send me as early as you can &c. —

—to— in your estimates."

I have mentioned to the Secretary of the Treasury your application for liberty to suspend the operations of your Mint, during the summer months, as heretofore, — have stated the reasons in favor of this measure, — and have asked for his approbation of it.

I have had a correspondence with the First Auditor on the subject of your Mint Accounts, and particularly so much of them as respects Dr. Riddell. The questions principally regarded the forms of entries. I have given my views ~~dist~~ at large, and I presume that all difficulties will soon be removed.

R. M. P.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 23. 1842.

Received, July 26, 1842, of Dr. J. L. Riddell, Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, by the hands of Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director of the Mint, Forty-eight 43/100 dollars, — a sum which he voluntarily pays to me, to compensate for a difference between his assay and mine, of the sweep from his department, sent to me to be smelted.

$48.43 (Duplicate.)

Geo. Greenfield

Mint of the United States
July 26, 1842.

Sir,

I send above a receipt from Mr. Greenfield for the money advanced by Dr. Riddell to pay for the over estimate in the sweep sent to be smelted at New York. He was much gratified by this remittance, wholly unexpected by him, and of a character not often exhibited in the transactions of business. I myself highly approve of the course taken by Dr. Riddell in the case.

Very resp.y & truly yours,

R. M. P.
Dr.

H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. N. O. Br. Mint,

P.S. — Let me refer you to my last letter to Mr. Kennedy.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 26, 1842.

July 24

Treasurer's Office June 28th 1842

Sir.

I have at last settled the Bullion accts of the M & R, up to 31st decr 1841. By charging him 10$\frac{84}{100}$ Std ounces of Gold for that amount found in his sweep. & by receiving from him 88^{03} oz of Silver to make good the balance against him on that account, The sweep was estimated at 409$\frac{88}{100}$ was recd. on 31st december as Bullion, & returned on the following day, & charged to him at the same valuation included in the item 33,808.81 in the annexed account.

So far as the Balance of the account is effected, this is the same as if it had been credited & debited at the actual value of 209.69. In order, however, to make Dr Riddell's Silver Bullion actually delivered sufficient to balance his acct. he has gone through the form of delivering to me (out of his salary for this qr.) & receiving back the amt of 209.69 oz the difference between the estimated & the actual value of the sweep. I have to day forwarded the accounts to the first auditor of the Treasury. The entries will be made in the books in the present quarter.

J. M. Kennedy Esq.

Very Respectfully,
(Signed) H. C. Cammack,
Treasurer

Balance Sheet
United States Br Mint
New Orleans.
For the second quarter of 1842

August 1842

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint
New Orleans
July 24. 1842
Recd. Aug. 11. "

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Copy.

Dr. Branch Mint of the United States New Orleans. Cr.

1842			Dollars	Cts
June	30	To Coiner his account of Gold, For 233.904 ℥ Standard Gold to be accounted for by him	4,357	70
"	"	" Coiner his account of Silver, For 8374.58 ℥ Standard Silver to be accounted for by him	9,744	91
"	"	" Melter & Refiner his acc't of Gold, For 69.953 ℥ Standard Gold to be accounted for by him	1,301	13
"	"	" Melter & Refiner his acc't of Silver, For 10.161.79 ℥ Standard Silver to be accounted for by him.	11,822	30
"	"	" Gold Coinage, For balance of this account	3,932	72
"	"	" Silver Coinage, " do " " do	7,735	89
"	"	" Gold Coins reserved for Assaying For balance of this account	117	50
"	"	" Silver coins reserved for assaying For balance of this account	126	40
"	"	" Profit & Loss. " do " " do	2,264	68
"	"	" Edmond Forstall, late Treasurer Br. Mint. For balance of this account.	2,342	16
			$43,739	39

1842			Dollars	Cts
June	30	By United States Deposite Account. For Balance of this account.	23,238	10
"	"	" Bank of Louisiana For 2 Silver dep's due them	13,524	89
"	"	" R. Copland, Ass't Cash'r. For 1 Silver dep. due him	1,003	48
"	"	" Joseph McClelland. 2 do " " "	3,725	67
"	"	" L. Dobbin 1 do " " "	338	80
"	"	" J. B. Toulmé 1 do " " "	100	14
"	"	" John L. Sterry 1 do " " "	999	15
"	"	" Bartlett Adams 1 do " " "	107	44
"	"	" J. H. Rahders 2 do " " "	701	72
			$43,739	39

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 30th 1842.
H C Cammack
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July 24. 1842.

Sir

I send you above the copy of my balance Sheet of the Bullion accounts of this mint for the 2nd quarter of this year.

Since its date I have received from the Coiner 10000 $ in Coins which has enabled me to pay the debt to the Bank of Louisiana, and leaves me with funds to pay the other depositors when called for.

My Bullion accounts will go by the Mail, with this in the morning, and as my balance & that of the M & R now agree, I hope my accounts for 1841 will be soon adjusted.

Mr Kennedy is unwell and has left town for a few days. I have received yr letter of the 13th inst and am sorry that I cannot put you in funds to pay your advances and some outstanding accounts for this Mint. Our, Money, for *contingent* expences, is exhausted, and our credit too, and it is well that the deposites of bullion have entirely ceased. We had not the means of continuing to work, even if there had been bullion offering. —

I am, very sincerely
Your faithfull Servant
H C Cammack
Tr

To Dr Patterson.

P.S. I annex copy of letter to Mr Kennedy, as I do not know if he has sent one, shewing how the account of Dr K. for 1841 was settled.

One sheet

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To
- Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Annual Expences Branch Mint New Orleans.

1841.	Coinage Expences	$11.950.
	House Expences	8.800
	Office Expences	+ 250
		$. 21.000.

+ averages much larger.

1840. The Contingent Expences
Amounted to $ 21.323.92

No charge has been made on this account for wastage of Gold & Silver since the Commencement of the Mint. In 1841 it amounted to 3163.56. The balance of P&L. account at the close of the year will be abt 6000 $.

There will be no available balance in any of the appropriations for this mint at the close of this year.

Usual appropriations

for "wages of Laborers"	$22.000
"Salaries officers &c"	19.900.
Contingent expences	17.200.

Expences	21000.
Wastage	3.200.
	$ 24.200

4 Octr 1842.

The Contingent expences have for some time been greater than the appropriations

July 26

Rec? Oct. 18. 1842.

Branch Mint New Orleans July 26.
1842

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendant
Sir.

Our usual operations being suspended, I have an opportunity of accomplishing certain things, which it has been impracticable for me to do thoroughly heretofore: such as getting the silver from old iron pots, and worn out iron implements, and in short, completely transforming the grains &c. &c. into bullion and sweep. I look upon it as my imperative duty to do this. Two of the men of my department will be sufficient, and they have been apprised that there is at present no money to pay them. They will submit to wait, for their pay.

The bullion in my custody is principally of low standard. It seems to me desirable to embrace this suspension for converting it into standard ingots, or even making fine silver and gold of it for future use. It will thus be rendered at once available when the mint resumes.

Respectfully your
Obedient Servant
J. L. Riddell
Melter and Refiner

Recd. oct: 18, 1842.

Treasury Department
July 27. 1842.

Sir

Your communication of the 25th. and the accompanying letter addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans were duly received, and in compliance with your suggestion, have been referred to the Committee of Ways & Means.

The sum, included in the estimates submitted to the Committee of Ways & Means, for compensation to the workmen of the New Orleans branch Mint was $22.000. The bal. of the appropriation for that object, on hand on the 1st. of January 1842 was $12.320. with this information before them the Committee thought proper to appropriate only $2.000 in addition to the balance of the appropriation unexpended on the 1st. of January.

Very Respectfully
M C Young
Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Philada.

Over

P. S. If you are satisfied that the public convenience will not be prejudiced or dissatisfaction given by a suspension of the operations of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans - you are authorised to cause them to be suspended during the summer months -

M. C. Y.

From/ Sec. of Treasury.

July 27. 1842.

Rec^d. " 29. "

July 1842.

Mint of the United States.
July 29, 1842.

Sir,

I have received, this morning, from the Treasury Department, a letter acknowledging the receipt of your Communication of the 3d inst., and stating that, in compliance with my suggestion, it had been referred to the Committee of Ways & Means.

The letter from the Department contains the following paragraph.

"If you are satisfied that the public convenience will not be prejudiced or dissatisfaction given by a suspension of the operations of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, you are authorised to cause them to be suspended during the summer months."

I now refer to you the question of suspending the operations of your Mint ~~to yourself~~ in the above terms, — endorsing to you, under the same conditions, the authority thus given to me.

R. M. P.
Director

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 29. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint - N. Orleans

August 8. 1842 -

R. M. Patterson Esqre

Sir,

Enclosed you have the statement of our Operations for July, -

Having seen in a letter to Mr Cammack your approbation of our Suspension - calculating on that of the Secretary of the Treasury, and there having been no deposites received for some time, I, on the 21 ult. discharged all the Men in the Coining and Melting departments with the exception of two in each - Dr Riddell and Mr Tyler represented that number to me as indispensable to them respectively - Another and the principal reason which induced me to anticipate the sanction of the Secretary, was the fact of our being left with about money enough, with the strictest economy, to pay our "Wages of Workmen" during one quarter - It struck me, that with the existing probability of there being no increase of that fund for 1842, it was proper to reserve the balance to our credit, to be used in the business season of the year, and paid over as a compensation for services actually rendered -

You will also receive herewith, statements shewing the situation of the accounts of the Melter, Refiner and Coiner on the 31 Jul, last - The wastage of the former is again very large - It is however within the limit, and I do not see how I can with propriety object to it - Mr. Cammack desires to know whether those accounts should now go thro' his books, or whether it will be sufficient to enter therein the settlement to be made with these two Officers, at the end of the year. Will you decide the matter? Our profit and loss &c will show badly, he says, without another appropriation - He, with my consent, left, a few days ago, for Washington -

Very resp'y

Yr. obedt. Servt

J. M. Kennedy

From Jos. M. Kennedy.
Supt. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Aug. 8. 1842.
Recd. " 17. "

(July Report.)

Weighed Melter & Refiner's Bullion July 31st 1842

No.	Bars		Grossweight		ttr	Silver Standard		ttr	Gold Standard wt.	
B	8		1.656	15	682	1.255	00			
C	8		980	10	690	752	10			
D	1		168	25	939	175	54			
E	1		278	30	820½	253	71			
F	2	Mixed	336	85	776	290	43	8	3	000
28G	2	Mixed	413	75	790	363	18	3	1	379
H	3		658	79	832.6	609	37			
K	2	Mixed	603	85	800	536	75	1½	1	006
L	3	Mixed	829	10	800	736	97	1	0	921
26	9	Mixed	733	20	740	602	85	34	27	698
265(III)	1		141	50	266½	41	89			
178	1		129	55	650	93	56			
347	1		102	50	892	101	58			
465	1		114	80	825	105	23			
463	1		111	05	892	110	06			
462	1		123	15	890	121	78			
464	1		76	40	860	73	00			
		Mexn dollars	1.865	75	897	1.859	53			
		Sovrigns	5	60				915½	5	088
I	1		11	02				817	10	003
						8.082	53		49	095

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 31 July 1842
H C Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. Aug 17. '42.

Bullion Weighed for the Coiner 31 July 1842

Silver			
	Clippings	278.60	
	Coins	1.305.20	
	Filings	44. –	1627.80
Gold			
	Coins & Clipgs	65.554	
			65.554

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 31. 1842
H. Cammack
Treasr

Recd. Aug. 17. '42.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of July, 1842.

Deposites	Coinage Denomination	Number of pieces	Value	Total Value
Gold.	Gold.			
No deposites this month	Half Eagles	600	3,000.00	
				3,000.00
Silver.	Silver.			
No deposites this month	Dimes	70,000	7,000.00	
				7,000.00
	Total Coinage			$10,000.00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 31st 1842.
H L Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. Aug. 17.'42.

Melter & Refiner's account of Bullion

					ounces	dec.
1842 July	31	Silver				
		Dr.			988.533	55
		Cr.			978.371	76
		Balance			10.161	79
		Weighed	8.082	53		
		In grains & Sweep	263	53		
		Wastage Claimed Limit $1.908\frac{33}{100}$	1.815	73	10.161	79
		Gold				
		Dr.			11.345	413
		Cr.			11.275	460
					69	953
		Weighed	49	095		
		grains & Sweep	5	277		
		Wastage Claimed Limit $21.\frac{800}{1000}$	15	581	69	953

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 31 July 1842
H Cammack
Trsr.

Coiner's account of Bullion

			Ounces	dec.	Ounces	dec.
1842 July	31	Silver				
		Dr.			980.759	41
		Cr.			978.400	46
		Balance			2.358	95
		Bullion weighed	1.627	80		
		Sweep	101	55		
		Wastage	629	60	2.358	95
		Gold				
		Dr.	11.318	974		
		Cr.	11.246	320	Bal. 72	654
		Bullion weighed	65	554		
		Wastage	7	100	72	654

Branch Mint - New Orleans
Treasurer's office 31 July 1842
H Cammack
Treasr

Rec^d. Aug. 17. 1842.

NEW ORLEANS – 1842 (CONT.)

Samuel J. Barber et al

v

Ira D. Bugbee et al

In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the Eastern District
of December Term 1842
No 3
Foreign Attachment

I certify that on this day by order of plaintiffs' attorney the above attachment was diſsolved and the suit discontinued

In Witneſs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Supreme Court at Philadelphia this twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1842

Simon Cohen
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Supreme Court of Penna.
Eastern District.
J. Simon Cohen,
Petr.
Aug. 29/42.

Spotsylvania County virginia
11 August 1842

dear Sir

I left new orleans last thursday and arrived here to day. I intend to be in washington on saturday and will remain there some two or three days - and will be very glad to hear from while there - about tuesday, or wednesday next will have the pleasure of paying my respects to you in person in philadelphia.

I am
your faithful servant
H. Clammack

To Dr. R. M. patterson Esqr

FREDERICKSBG VA.
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18¾

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. States Mint
Philadelphia.

From
H. C. Cammack, E
Fredericksburg, Va
Aug. 11/42.
Post-marked 13

Mint U.S.
Aug. 20 / 42.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing the report of the operations of your Mint for July.

My letter to you, of the 29th ~~of Ju~~ ult. gives the necessary authority, from the Department, for the suspension of operations.

One of the most important reasons in favor of this interruption, ~~of work~~ was that the appropriations for the payment of workmen was insufficient for the entire year, and that it was therefore desirable that this expense should cease during the summer season, when little work is required of the Mint, and when sickness may be looked for. I find, however, that you have thought proper to retain two men with the Coiner and two men with the Melter, all, if I understand you, on full pay. Will they have full work, and if so what work? I hope you have satisfied yourself as to these points, and that a desire to ~~favor~~ benefit particular individuals has not been permitted to act in the case of those men thus favored ~~distinguished from their fellow workmen~~. In former years, happily long past, when the yellow fever rendered a suspension of work necessary at this Mint, the men retained were placed on half-pay; and I am under the impression that the same course was formerly adopted by you.

I am pained to observe that Dr. Riddell's wastage is again so large. Why is it that so marked a distinction exists, in this respect, between your Mint and this and the Gold Mints? A more important question could not be proposed for investigation by Dr. Riddell and yourself. I confess that I am unable to solve it.

We make frequent settlements here of the wastage account, for the satisfaction of those concerned, but they are passed formally through the books only once in the year.

Mr. Cammack was in Philadelphia the day before yesterday, and I had the pleasure and advantage of a long interview with him.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/
Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
N. Orleans.

Aug. 20. 1842.

Washington 24 August 1842

dear Sir

I forward to you by this mail a letter from Mr Conrad. who desires to know your views as to the propriety or impropriety or necessity of a change in the office of Superintendant of the Branch mint in New Orleans. Mr Conrad is friendly to Mr Kennedy and does not believe that the interests of that institution requires a change. - as Dr Carpenter, who has been nominated to the office, is unobjectionable I see no way of retaining Mr Kennedy but by allowing the nomination to remain over until the next Congress.

If you have received any letters for me please to forward them to Fredericksburg, where I will remain a day or two.

I am with much respect
yours truly
H. C. Cammack

To Dr R. M. Patterson.

From/ A. C. Cammack.
Washington.
Aug. 24. 1842
Rec^d " 26. "

Aug. 29/42.

Mr. Tyler called to make propositions as to the proper charge for the Counting Machine invented by his father.

He asks, on the advice of his uncle Mr. Baldwin, $2000 for the full patent right for all the mints.

As a charge for counting he proposes 50 cents for counting 10,000 pieces.

He has founded this charge on the following estimate. A man will count, at a maximum, 30,000 pieces in a day, of ten hours work. The New Orleans wages being $2.50, this would correspond to 83⅓ cents for 10,000. Hence 50 cents he considers a low charge. It corresponds to $1.50 per day: supposing the grounds of calculation correct.

By the machine Mr. Tyler can count 30,000 pieces ℘ hour.

Remarks over leaf.

Mr. Eckfeldt informs me that, at one time, dimes ~~& half dimes~~ were counted by men, at this Mint, in one hour, at 20 cents for 10,000 pieces or $1000 worth of dimes. Half-dimes did not give the same rate of payment, being less, — but the allowance for these was varied at different times.

By a fair trial made at the Mint it was found that five men took 6 minutes to count 2500 dimes, — which is exactly at the rate of two hours work for one man, to count 10,000 pieces. This would give 50,000 pieces for 10 hours constant work. But the average wages at the Philadelphia Mint does not exceed 1.70 per day, — corresponding to 34 cts for 2 hours, — the time of counting 10,000 pieces.

It is not to be supposed, however, that a man can count without interruption for 10 hours, and, indeed, these interruptions are allowed for meals &c. Supposing then 8½ hours of actual work, the days work would be 42,500 pieces, — which at $1.70 wages, is exactly 40 cents for 10,000 pieces, or $1000 worth of Dimes, or $500 worth of half-dimes.

At the New Orleans wages of $2.50 per day of 10 hours, the price of 2 hours work would be 50 cts. But supposing only 8½ hours of actual labor, the cost of 2 hours work would be 58.8 cents.

Mr. Tyler states that by the machine, he can count 30,000 pieces per hour; so that he can do as much work as six men without this instrument.

Mr. Tyler.
No. 24 S. 8th. Corner Lodge Alley.

From/ Mr. Wm. M. Tyler.

Aug. 29/42.

Notes added

Sept. 19/42.

Branch Mint New Orleans
September 1. 1842.

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendant
Sir

In reply to your inquiries I have to inform you that the two men retained in the melting department have up to this date been busily employed in repairing furnaces, working and fluxing grains, ~~and or~~ recovering silver from old iron pots, and getting things in general in order. I find a vast deal of labor, yet unfinished, in getting the silver from the iron pots. The metal (iron), as I have often complained to you, is of a poor porous quality, and the pot has thus absorbed considerable silver.

So soon as I find the two men cannot be properly and profitably employed I shall report the fact to you and await your orders

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

(The two men in this Department were discharged on the 15th of September)

Rec? Oct. 18. 1842.

[illegible]

[illegible] 1842.

W. Parker Esq.
Superintendent
Sir

Agreeably to your request I have to inform you that the cars now detained in the [illegible] department have up to this date been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing in the way of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] things [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in getting the [illegible] from the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] I have of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

So soon as I find the cars now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I shall report the [illegible] to you [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
J. L. [illegible]
Master of Repairs

Coiners Office United States Mint
New Orleans Sept. 8th. 1842

To J. M. Kennedy Esqr
Superintendent

Sir. [I have perused the letter from the Director left with me on the 2d. inst. but have been prevented from giving attention to it sooner, on account of the illness and death of one of the members of my family. And in answer so far as the Coining department is concerned. I can only repeat the statement made to you before these men were retained ~~in~~

I stated that more than one half of one mans time would be necessarily occupied in keeping the machinery from rust &c. And also that the lever of the dime coining press had been a long time broken in the same place of the two other presses, which had been renewed, and that by bolting it had been continued in use untill the parts which held the bolts had cracked entirely through, so as to make it dangerous to continue it in operation. And I suggested, as there was no appropriation for contingencies, that it would be prudent to make a new lever previous to resuming business in which you fully concurred. I stated "that ~~the~~ foreman was the only machinist now left, and ~~if~~ his time could be occupied in making the lever, and that what assistance he required could be rendered by the man employed to take care of the machinery." You said you had not made up your mind to suspend the foreman, and if he would undertake the lever, you would not hesitate to continue him in employment during the recess — I then proposed Mr Huestis (the pressman) as a suitable person to take charge of the machinery. but remarked thus if he was employed to clean the machinery only. it must be at reduced wages. but as he was already accustomed to fitting the dies & collars to the presses. I was anxious that he should become acquainted with turning the dies. and making the collars for which he would have time during the suspension. and at which he can always find employment. when the coining presses are not in operation. You then said you thought he would be entitled to full pay if he could be thus fully employed — I must say also ~~in~~ relative to his selection thus I thought him best qualified for the duties required. of any one then in the department —

Since the operations of the Mint were suspended the above proposition has been strictly pursued. and in addition to the work above mentioned. the boilers have been cleaned and examined, and the steam engine repaired. and put in operation for the M & R. to grind &c — Mr Austin was taken sick about the first inst. with yellow fever. and has not been able to attend to his duties untill to day. but in the mean time I have employed another man in his place — I do not think it judicious to suspend the foreman of the coining dept. at any time. when it can be avoided. and I am sure Dr Patterson will see the propriety of his being continued. under the existing circumstances as also of the man employed to take charge of the machinery

Very Respectfully

Your Faithful Servant

R. B. Tyler

Coiner

Fredg Va 10th Septr 1842

Dear Sir

Your letter of 23rd Ulto came duly to Hand as Also the Package you named for Mr Cammack which got here in time to be delivere to him he however left here soon after for New Orleans & as I do not Know. whether he had time to acknowledge the receipt of it thought I would drop you a line apprising you of its delivery & am

very respectfully
Yr Obt
Reuben T. Thom

From/

Reuben T. Thomas, P.M.
Fredericksburg, Va.
Sept. 10. 1842
Recd. " 12. "

Mint U. S. Sept. 16, '42.

Sir,

The Act of Congress of the 26th ult. makes the fiscal year ~~&~~ for the Treasury of the U.S. to commence on the 1st July, instead of the 1st Jan. as heretofore. The next congress will therefore have to make appropriations for the half year ending June 30. 1843, & for the year ending June 30. 1844; and I have been called upon to present estimates accordingly for the Mint & Branches. I will thank you therefore to send me at your earliest convenience, separate estimates for the two periods as above. In place of the usual item "Incidental & Contingent Expenses", you will please to present the three following:

(2) "For ~~Coinage~~ House Expenses, including Water-rent, taxes, repairs, lighting, cleaning & watching, — $

(3) For Office Expenses, including Stationery & postage ——— $

(1) For ~~House~~ Coinage Expenses, including materials & implements, fuel, repairs, & wastage of gold & silver, ——— $

My former correspondence has called your attention to the necessity of framing your estimates with reference to any available balances of former appropriations.

R. M. P.
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Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sept. 16. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Sept 29. 1842

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director Mint of the
U. S. Phila

Sir,

We are preparing for a resumption of Operations, on Monday the 3d of the next Month. I have been requested by Mr. Tyler to say to you, that he will require, "probably by the time that they can be procured from Philadelphia"

2 Pr. of 1/2 dollar
3 tail 1/4 dollar
2 Pr. of dime, and
1 Pr. of Eagle dies.

Dr. Riddell has also desired me to order from Phila 25 Carboys of Aqua fortis for the use of his Department. Will you be good enough to send them to us? I will, in the course of a short time, furnish the required estimates, and reply to your interrogation in relation to the retaining some of our Men during the Suspension.

Very respy
Yr obed Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

From Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
N Orleans.

Sept. 29. 1842
Recd. Oct. 12.

Mr. R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philadelphia

OR
SEP
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Unofficial

New Orleans 29th September 1842.

dear Sir

I arrived here on the 21 - having been detained in coming down the river. I found my family very well except some of the servants who have had the fever. of wh there have, as usual, been several cases in the Mint, and, unfortunately, one death, a young girl, some relation of Mrs Tyler.

We have instructions from the superintendent to resume operations on the first prox. - and we shall have a large ~~quantity~~ supply of bullion - a good deal coming from England and France. I know of one parcel of 60.000 $ in french gold that will be sent to the Mint on arrival. Our fund for "wages of Laborers" has been, by the operations or expences of this quarter, reduced to an amount that will not suffice to ~~p~~ pay the workmen for the present quarter. and I do not know how we are to get on.

We are entirely out of acids - Some 25 Carboys have been ordered from Philadelphia - and the order sent to you I understand - It is important that it be sent out as soon as possible.

We have had no Eagle dies for 1842 and have but one pair ~~pr~~ of half Eagle. Most of the gold is deposited for Eagles.

I shall watch the arrival of the first vessel from philadelphia with much anxiety as I am anxious to get the weights - please to recollect the standard weights.

I saw Mr Tyler twice after I left you in philadelphia, and my interviews with him were very satisfactory.

All the officers are now in the city. Mr Bertrand's health, I am happy to say, is improving.

I am, very respectfully
Your faithful servant
Horace Cammack

To Doctor R M Patterson

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Sept. 29. 1842
Recd. Oct. 12. "

To Doctor R. M. Patterson
United States Mint
Philadelphia!—

ORLEANS

Mint U.S.
Oct. 5th, 1842.

Dear Sir,

Two of the dime pieces sent to you by Mr. Parry are certainly counterfeits, and are easily distinguished by their ~~colour~~ inferior weight and specific gravity, and by their colour. They exhibit, on assay, only a very slight trace of silver, and appear to be of the composition commonly called German Silver.

The impressions bear a remarkable resemblance to those ~~from~~ the legitimate coins, — so striking, indeed, ~~that~~ as to give rise to the suspicion that a pair of dies must have been stolen from one of the Mints. — We are very particular in keeping a record of all the dies prepared, and a careful examination proves that none are missing at this Mint. The receipt of all the dies sent this year to New Orleans is acknowledged by the Superintendent, — so that none have been lost in their passage ~~from here~~ by mail. ~~to that~~ I have written to inquire whether any are missing from that Mint. If not, we must suppose either that the counterfeiters have the services of a most skilful engraver, or that they have possessed themselves of a ~~[illegible]~~ dangerous process recently discovered in England ~~of~~ for making very perfect dies of cast iron, which are fac-similes of the original medal or coin.

The milling, (as we term it,) or impression made on the edge of the coin, is very well executed, ~~so as to show the work of an expert workman~~; but it differs ~~very~~ ~~evidently~~ appreciably from the milling on the legitimate coin, made either at this or the New Orleans Mint. On the face and reverse ~~of the counterfeit~~ the resemblance is, on the other hand, most perfect, and has excited among the officers of the Mint much astonishment and alarm.

~~The want of the letter O does not prove that the dies may not have been taken from the New Orleans Mint~~

~~If we~~

R.M.P.

To/
Hon. Thos. H. Benton,
Senator of U.S.

To/ Hon. T. H. Benton,
U. S. Senator.
Washington.

Oct. 5. 1842.

Mint of the U. S.
Oct. 5. 1842.

Sir,

Two counterfeit dime pieces, of the date of 1842, have come to the Mint from Cincinnati, which bear, both on the face & reverse, so perfect a resemblance to the legitimate coin that I am apprehensive that a pair of dies may have been stolen from one of the Mints. I have had the most careful inquiry made here, & none are missing. All sent to you by mail have had their receipt acknowledged by you. Please to report to me whether they are all still in your possession; and if any have been destroyed, let me know what evidence you have to this effect. The counterfeits have not your Mint mark on them; but it is probable that expert coiners would first use the dies for making hubs, & the O would be easily cut away. The milling differs very sensibly from that at either of the Mints.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
Dr.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,

Oct. 5, 1842.

Mailed 6th.

October 1842

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct. 9. 1842

Sir,

We will require, for the expenses of this Branch Mint, for the half year, ending June 30th 1843, the following sums, viz:

For coinage expenses, including materials & implements, fuel, repairs, and Wastage of Gold and Silver	$7475.	
For House Expenses, including water, rent & Taxes, repairs, lighting, Cleaning and Watching	" 4400.	
For Office Expenses, including Stationery and Postage	" 200	$12.075.
For Salary of Superintendent ..	" 1250	
For Ditto " Treasurer	" 1000	
For Ditto " Coiner	" 1000	
For Ditto " Melter & Refiner ..	" 1000	
For Ditto " Assayer	" 1000	
For Ditto " Two clerks, each 600 ..	" 1200	" 6450.
For Wages of Workmen		" 10,000.
		$28,525

And for the year ending June 30th 1844, it will be necessary, that each of the above amounts should be doubled—

Having, from the date of our resumption, viz. the 3d instant, reduced the Wages, of our Workmen, as far as it could be done, without prejudice to the public interests, the amounts under that head you will find considerably less than those asked for heretofore - On the other hand, two years' experience and upwards, has shewn us, that we cannot even with the utmost economy, do with less than about $21.000 pr annum for Contingent [now "Coinage" "House" and "Office"] expenses, exclusive of what may be required for Wastage, which in our calculation we have put down at $3000 - That Wastage altho' within the legal limits, has, as you know, always been unaccountably large in the Melting Departmt. It will, we have every reason to expect, increase with the Coinage. The sums herein enumerated, will be wanted in full, as there will be, at the expiration of the year, no balance in the Treasury of any item, against which we can draw. I enclose a memorandum from the Treasurer, which has, in great measure, served as the basis of the Estimates herewith furnished, and will only add, that the whole sum asked, for the next eighteen months, for "Coinage" "House" and "Office" Expenses, is about equal, to the amount, which under the head of Contingent, has been carried to the Surplus fund. It is then, in reality, nothing more than a re-appropriation of the same money, the benefit of which we have lost by not having known how to draw for it. This I take to be the case, if I be correct in saying, that the appropriations wanted by us, under the name of "Contingent and Incidental expenses" have been uniformly made, without any regard to unexpended balances –

In reference to the two men retained during the suspension by the Coiner and the Melter & Refiner, I had intended at first to give you merely such extracts from their letters to me, as appeared sufficient to justify my acquiescence in their request. I prefer, however, sending the letters themselves, with the desire that you will return them, accompanied, I hope, by your approbation of what has been done in the matter –

I am Sir,
very respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada.

P. S. I received, some weeks ago, from Mr. Young

Acting Secretary of the Treasury, a letter dated 1st Sept last, in which I was informed, that a Warrant had that day issued in favor of H. C. Cammack, Treasurer &c, for $7225. on a/c of different appropriations for this Mint. I notified the Department, sometime since, and can again say to you, that no remittance has, as yet, been received.

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 9. 1842.
Rec.d " 18. "

Mint of the U.S.
Oct. 10. 1842.

Sir,

One of our workmen, Mr. Geo. Lewis, has shown me a letter from Dr. Riddell, in which he promises to employ Lewis in his department if he can bring recommendations from Dr. McClintock or myself. Dr. McClintock has given him a letter, which is, I have no doubt, quite correct. I know that Lewis has always been a willing & industrious hand, & he has had some years of experience, principally however in the silver ingot-room. He has been unthrifty, & sometimes troubled about his debts, but I know nothing that can touch his character for honesty.

Wm. Davenor, one of Dr Riddell's workmen, about whom he makes inquiry, is now in trouble, in consequence as I understand, of debts contracted formerly at this place. It appears that he is in debt to the Girard Bank, & that he over-drew the Farmer's & Mechanic's Bank. He is at present in the Debtors' prison, at the suit of the latter Bank, but his lawyer informs me that he will certainly be discharged in a few days. The amount of this debt was but $61.15.

Mr. Dovenor undertook, this summer, the smelting of jeweller's sweeps, & failing to obtain the metal, was sued by his employers, & imprisoned on this ground also. From this affair, however, he has escaped, & his lawyer says that he has not lost any character by the transaction, unless it be for skill.

R. M. P.
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Jas. M. Kennedy, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 10. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 13. 1842

Sir,

In my letter of the 9th inst, the sum supposed by me to have been carried to the Surplus Fund, from those granted, at various times, for our "Contingent & Incidental Expenses", is greatly overrated. The error occurred with the Treasurer, who gave me the amount from memory. It appears, upon examination, that a little over $31.000 have been carried to that fund, composed of undrawn balances of all the appropriations for this Mint.

Respectfully yr obedt
Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Phila

From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 13. 1842
Rec'd. " 22. "

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the
U. S. Philadelphia.

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Oct. 22.

New Orleans October 19. 1842.

Dear Sir

An effort is now making by the Keepers of Cabaret Shops, Market people and small dealers to bring Copper Coin into circulation, and several applications have been made to me to know how they can be procured from Philadelphia. I now address you to enquire if a supply can be had at the Mint and on what terms?. If they could be sent here the parties would very willingly exchange Mexican dollars for them.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H Cammack

To

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

From Hon. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 19. 1842

Recd. " 29. "

Unofficial

New Orleans 23 October 1842

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Sir

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since my return from the north.

I have to day sent off my accounts for ordinary expences The last remittance I received was by a cheque, or dft on New York and I have been compelled to pay in the same way, which has caused a loss to every one of 5% the ~~same~~ discount as arranged with the Bank of Louisiana

At the beginning of this Month the Mint owed on account of Contingencies 6.200 $ and I have received only 2000 - this small sum has gone but little way towards paying off particularly as I have been compelled to keep a part of it to pay for Coal and acids - for which we could no longer get Credit. Yesterday for two Carboys aqua fortis, bought at 37 cents, we had to pay the money, before the Clerk would make the delivery. The Superintendent has written for 6000 $ more and I hope soon to have our Credit re-established.

The amount of wages paid "Laborers" for the quarter just ended is 1810 $: it is more than I had anticipated and leaves us with a little under $2500 to begin this quarter with, and in fact, to pay "Laborers" until a new appropriation be made. —

I furnished to the Superintendent some little time past a memorandum of expences for 1840 & 1841. to guide him in making an estimate ~~for~~ on which to ask appropriations at next session of Congress.

The expenses of furnaces built when the flues were renewed have increased the Contingencies some, and the necessity of having some extra hands in the machine shop has also added to them. The number of "laborers" allowed by law is so small, that much labor has to be paid for out of the Contingent fund.—

We have received one large deposite, $100.000 from the Bank of Louisiana and some few small ones from others.— There is a very large amount of Specie arriving in our City, particularly gold and we ~~can~~ could get as much dep.s as we can coin, but, some how or other, people seem to be afraid of locking their money up. The Melter & R. has not been able to work doubloons because he had no acids, and the public have been prevented from depositing in consequence. then we have little or no government fund, and that being in base bullion, we have to work the very bullion brought to us before we can make payment. At this time too we are without Eagle dies - and in fact we have had none since 1841. But we will get on, after we get under way again, much better than we have done heretofore. provided we are not hampered again by the want of money to pay expenses.

Mr Dunning has omitted to send the weights and I am not satisfied with those I am now using and do not like to take the responsibility of them. please to request him to be particular about the standard weights, which I will keep always locked up, and can then always test those in use.

William Tyler arrived a few days ago.

I am in haste

Your. Obt servant

Horace C Cammack

From/
H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 23. 1842
Recd. Nov. 4.

To Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 24 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty to send to you, by the present mail, a box of dies directed on the inner envelope to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which, with one sent to you by Saturday's mail, & I pray you to forward it under your frank, as usual. Two more boxes for the same Mint will be sent by the 2 next mails.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,

To
Hon. Walter Forward,
Secretary of Treasury.

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Sec. of Treasury,

Oct. 24. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
Oct 26. 1842

Sir,

All the dime dies, recd. by us this year, are now in the possession of the Coiner, and all those of every denomination, when not in use, are kept in his Vault. With that part of your last letter, upon the subject of the counterfeits, discovered in the Mint in Philadelphia, which requests me to send you, a dime made with each of the Collars used by us in 1842, I regret my inability to comply. All the Coins of that denomination, in the Mint, at the time of its receipt (amounting to about $1000.) were in the hands of Mr Tyler himself, and in one parcel. I have therefore concluded, as the best means of meeting your desire, to anticipate the period at which I generally send on the coins reserved for Assay. The first set will accordingly go to the Treasury Department by this day's mail, to be enclosed to you, under the Secretary's frank.

The balance, up to the time of the Suspension, I will forward, in the same way, to morrow and next day. You will find therein contained Dimes made with all the collars that have been in use this year. Should you prefer having those collars themselves, I can send them to you. I have never seen but one counterfeit dime which was shown to me some months ago by Mr Tyler, who has now lost it, and one ¼ dollar Recd by Dr Riddell at the Post Office, which you will find in this letter - The O was also upon the dime, which was marked 1841, and the metal thereof was the same as that of the coin enclosed.

It is the opinion of all our officers here, that these counterfeits were moulded, and that the moulds must have been made by taking impressions from the coins themselves.

I am very respectfully

your obedt. Servant

J. M. Kennedy

Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the

Mint of the U.S.

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R. M. Patterson Esqre

Director of the Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia

From
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 26. 1842
Recd. Nov. 4.

Statement of Assay Coins contained in Package No. 1.

January	19th	— 12, ½ dimes	— 8 dimes	— 2, ¼ dolls —		$ 1.90
"	25th	4 "	10 "	1 "	3. ½ dollars	2.95
February	17.	+	20 "	4 "		3.00
"	23.		28 "	11 "	14 "	12.55
March	11.		20 "			2.00
"	14.		20 "			2.00
"	31.		30 "	7 "	9 "	9.25
April	5.		14 "			1.40
"	19.		12 "			1.20
"	20.		8 "			80
"	22.		8 "	5 "	13 "	8.55
May	18.		10 "	6 "	5 "	5.~
"	26.		20 "			2.00
						$ 52.60

Jo.s M. Kennedy Esq.r
Superintendent

Recd. Nov. 4'42.

Statement of Assay Coins, Contained in Package No. 2.

1842			1/2 Dimes	dimes	1/4 dollars	1/2 dollars	1/2 Eagles	Eagles	Value	
Jany	22		4		5	1			$ 1	95
"	31		8	4		9			5	30
Feby	11			12					1	20
"	28		4	16	9	2			5	05
Mch	23			20	17	5			8	75
April	16		12	14	12				5	00
"	26		8	6				1	11	00
"	29		12	10	2	3			3	60
May	6		4	8					1	00
"	13			10					1	00
	30		2	3	1	7			4	15
June	21			12					1	20
"	24			8						80
"	28			6						60
"	30			6						60
"	"			8			1		5	80
"	"			10			3		16	00
									$ 73	00

Recd. Nov. 7. 1842.

J. C. G. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent

Statement of Assay Coins Contained in Package No. 3.

1842		1/2 dimes	dimes	1/4 dollar	1/2 dollars	1/4 Eagles	1/2 Eagles	Eagles	Value	
Jany	28				4				$ 2	–
Febry	4		10		8				5	–
	19		18						1	80
March	2			2						50
	24				3				1	50
	29					3			7	50
	30			8	2				3	00
April	15							1	10	00
	30						2		10	–
May	16			5	5				3	75
	17				4				2	–
	20			12	6				6	–
	21			5	6				4	25
	30						1		5	–
June	11						6	1	40	–
	16				4		1		7	–
	30						2		10	–
July	18		14				1		6	40
									$ 125	70

Recd. Nov. 7. 1842,

New Orleans.

Assay coins contained in package No. 4

1842.	½ dolls	¼ dolls.	Dimes	½ dimes	Eagles	½ Eagles	¼ Eag.	$. cts.
Oct. 31.	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.50
Nov. 5.	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	20
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	42.50
23	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00
30	14	0	0	0	6	0	0	67.00
Dec. 13	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.—
15	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	80.—
17	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	4.—
31	13	21	0	0	9	0	0	101.75
	76	37	0	0	25	0	17	$339.75

38.
9.25
250.
42.50
$339.75

Feb. , 1843
Recd. ~~Nov. 7. 1842~~

J. M. Kennedy Esqr.
Superintendent

Mint of the U.S.
Oct. 26. 1842.

Sir,

I send by to-day's mail the fourth & last box of dies for the Br. Mint at New-Orleans, noticed in my letter of the 24th.

Understanding that complaints are made at the Post Office Department of the weight of these boxes, we shall in future send them in smaller packages.

R. M. P.
Dr

To Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treas.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Oct. 26. 1842.

private

New Orleans October 26th 1842.

Sir

Two deposites of Gold have been made at the Mint as follow.

By the Bank of Louisiana

3613 So. American doubloons.

1464. Mexican doubloons.

3627½ Sovereigns

1393. 20 franc pieces, principally coinage 1842

21. mixed coins

The whole weighing 5631.$\frac{57}{100}$ ounces.

By the Union Bank

1468. South American doubloons.

532. Mexican doubloons.

weighing 1736.90

The whole of which was delivered by me yesterday to the M & R. to be melted for assay. It was however agreed by the assayer that the title of part of it could be assumed at these rates, say

Mexican doubloons	at	866 fine
Sovereigns	"	915.5
French Gold	"	899.

The So. Am. doubloons were weighed in 6 boxes or parcels and after they were taken into the Melting department 20 doubloons, taken from each box, were melted into a bar to be assayed to fix the title of the whole. I have objected to this mode of getting a title - first because I do not

know

if I am authorized to get a title in this way, in Gold deposites, and secondly and principally because I was not present when the selection was made of the parcel to be melted.

The assays however have been made, and the report of the melt from the deposite by the Union Bank is 866. Of the other, one bar is 861. and the other 862. fine. These not being satisfactory Drs. Hort + Riddell and myself have selected, in the weigh room, in equal quantities as far as we could judge by the hands full, 600 ounces, which has been melted and will be assayed in the morning and I will note at bottom the title found by the assayer. I will report also the allowances made for loss in melting, that you may advise me if it is as large as that allowed in Philadelphia.

We are anxiously looking for Eagle dies. have only one pair, for 1841, in the mint and they are cracked. The gr. dollar press is broke or injured in some way and cannot be used.

I have seen the Cashier of the Bank of Louisiana today and he has promised to send ~~me~~ us another hundred thousand dollars tomorrow or next day, in mexican dollars. The title of last hundred thousand dollars was found to be 897 which was very satisfactory. I will be glad to know title of Mexn dollars will you.

I am yours with great
respect + consideration
H B Cammack

Dr R M Patterson

P. S.

The Gold assay to day has been reported 865. —
The 600 ounces lost no thing by melting.

Dr Riddell wishes an allowance for loss by melting, and I have agreed to allow it tho' it seems large, as follows.

On the So Amn doubloons ·9 in every 300 ounces, on the Mexican doubloons ·6 on every 300 oz, on the sovereign ·12 on the same. Nothing on the French gold - it is new.

From H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 26. 1842.
Recd. Nov. 7.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 28. 1842

Sir,

The statements here enclosed, of coins contained in packages Nos 2 & 3, together with that forwarded to you in my letter of the 26th instant, show all the assay pieces, reserved from deliveries made at this Mint in 1842, up to the period of our late suspension.

I omitted, in the letter above refer'd to, to mention a circumstance, which goes to corroborate the opinion therein express'd, that the counterfeits in question were moulded. There was a defect in one of the edges of the dime shown me by Mr. Tyler, indicating, he thinks, that during the pouring of the metal, the mould must have become displaced.

Very respectfully,
Yr. obedt. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqre.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
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From/
Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Oct. 28. 1842.
Recd. Nov. 7. "

U. S. B. M. N. Orleans
Oct 29. 1842

Sir,

I have this moment rec^d. from the Coiner, a communi=cation, of which the following is a Copy.

" Agreeable to the proposition made to you some " Months since, I have continued the counting Machine " belonging to Wm. M. Tyler, in use, for which I have made " the bill at 40 cts per 10.000 pieces, subject however " to the approval of the Director as proposed.

very respectfully y^r. faithful Servt.
sig^d. R. R. Tyler Coiner

" United States Branch Mint at New Orleans
Dr.
" To Wm. M. Tyler

"	Nov 30th. 1841	to the use of Counting Machine	for count.	100.000. dimes
"	Dec. 31.	" "	"	697.500 "
"	Jan. 31. 1842	" "	"	112.500 "
"	" "	" "	"	140.000 ½ Dimes
"	Feb. 28.	" "	"	20.000 "
"	" "	" "	"	520.000 dimes
"	March 31.	" "	"	450.000 "
"	April 30.	" "	"	360.000 "
"	" "	" "	"	160.000 ½ dimes
"	May 31.	" "	"	30.000 "
"	" "	" "	"	255.000 dimes
"	June 30	" "	"	252.500 "
"	July 31	" "	"	70.000 "

" Whole number of pieces — 3.167.500

" At 40 cts per 10.000 pieces — $126.70. "

I do not, for my own part think that the

Value of the "Counting Machine" has been at all over estimated. As, however, its utility has been tested in the Mint at Philadelphia; I shall add nothing more than how happy I would be, that you would sanction the payment of Wm. Tyler's bill -

Very respectfully
Y. obed. Servt.
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia -

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R. M. Patterson, Esq.re
Director of the Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia.

From Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 29. 1842
Recd. Nov. 7. "

Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Oct. 31, 1842.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 19th inst. on the subject of copper coins. I propose, in the first instance, to make an experiment with you upon a small scale, and ~~will~~ to send you, in about two weeks, ten kegs of cents, of $100 each. They will be delivered at your Mint, at our charge, ~~and~~ to ~~will~~ be sold there at their legal value. On sending them, I will present my ~~[illegible]~~ views ~~as~~ ~~to the course to~~ more in detail.

A workman from this Mint, named George Lewis, left here for New Orleans, in the ship Champion, on the 23d inst., to enter ~~upon~~ into Dr. Riddell's service, in the Melting Department. — On his leaving, I advanced him ten dollars, for which I have his note, to be paid out of his wages ~~with y~~ at your Mint; and I beg you therefore to withhold the amount when it shall accrue.

He also took the liberty of drawing an ~~note~~ order on me for $10.50, in favor of Robert C. Crispin to be "placed against his first month's wages". This I have of course refused to accept, but if he sends me the amount, as he ought to do, I will see that it be paid.

Crispin — [illegible] Answered No. 6

P. S. — In my account current sent to you on the 13th July last the balance to my credit was stated to be $56.31. I have since paid the enclosed bill & for insurance, of $13., so that the deficiency in your account ~~xxx~~ amounted, Sept. 30th, to $69.31. This amount added to outstanding bills against your Mint will make near $500, ~~& I have to request~~ so that you will perceive that a supply ~~me with~~ funds as ~~early as possible~~ is much needed.

Ten carboys Nitric Acid were sent by the Ship Ohio, for which & for 3 boxes of Weights shipped by another vessel, bills of Lading will be forwarded. Among the weights you will find (in the small box) 3 standards, which have been accurately adjusted according to your request. They should be handled with the greatest care. The delay in sending these weights was unavoidable, owing to Mr. Saxton's being absent from the city.

We send enclosed a key which belongs to one of the boxes of Weights & which was forgotten at the time of closing the cases.)

George Lewis will deliver to you three copies of the "Manual of Coins, &c", one of which has been bound for the use of your Mint, as you requested.

Your request to have the boxes which hold your weights fitted with hinges & rollers was not forgotten; but it was not done, because it was thought they would carry more safely as they are, & that this improvement could be readily made at New Orleans.

I will thank you to tell him that I have just had a visit from a woman named Eliza A. Fisler, who has a claim upon him, as she says, for $30.25, of which $25.25 was money lent to him. Her case, as she represents it, is a very hard one, and, if true, he is bound, as an honest man, to pay her at as early a day as possible. ~~He is bound~~ It is his duty to exercise the most pinching economy, until he can save enough to pay his just debts. — I know that these matters are extra-official with us both, but I am sure we have enough of the esprit du corps to prompt us to interfere where the character of the most humble member of the Mint establishments is involved.

R. M. P.

To/

H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esqr
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Oct. 31. 1842.

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Unofficial

New Orleans November 3. 1842

Dear Sir

The deposites in the Mint have been, since we resumed, as follows

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Gold	in October	140.313.76	
	November	56.850.–	
			= 197.163.76
Silver	October —	143.754.86	
	November –	120.000.–	– 263.754.86
			460.918.62

Of which we have coined and paid about 53.000$ in Silver – Most of the Gold has been deposited within the past two weeks, and large quantities of it arriving every day we shall have for some time as much of it as we can work. The Bank of Louisiana has now 40000 in French Gold and 20000 in English wh we will get immediately. So that our Coinage for this and the next Month ought to amount to enough to make that of the year most respectable.

We are very much inconvenienced & retarded in working gold for the want of acids – a considerable amount of South american doubloons are deposited which require to be separated and we cannot buy acid here. At foot I make a memorandum of the value of doubloons of different kinds, ~~as~~ that is the amount the different kinds will produce at the mint - please to do me the favor to inform me if it is correct. I am frequently applied to to know the value of foreign coins, and I desire to give ~~a~~ correct information.

I am with much respect
and consideration
your obt servant
H Clammack

To Dr R M patterson

Value of Doubloons

South American	Bogota	$15.61
do	Popayana	15.39
Spain		15.53
Mexico		15.53
New Grenada of 1837 & 1838		15.62
Bolivian		15.61
Peru		15.57
Chili		15.57
Central American		14.89
La Plata		14.62
Do	some	15.57

please to let me Know by what vessel the weights are coming. I have sent you some newspapers lately.

From/

H. C. Cammack, Esqr.
Treasr. Br. Mint
Nov. 3, 1842.
Recd. " 14. "

New Orleans

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Dir. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia:

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Mint U. S.
Nov. 3 / 42.

Sir,

~~It~~ I am looking, with some anxiety, for your answer to my letter of the 5th ult. respecting the counterfeit coins which had so much the appearance of being struck with Mint dies as to make it necessary to see whether any such dies were missing at either of the Mints.

I had sent to me yesterday, from the highest authority at Washington, two quarter dollar pieces bearing your Mint mark, and of perfect identity of manufacture, one of which had been pronounced at New Orleans to be spurious. I was happily enabled to relieve anxiety and suspicion by pronouncing them both to be legitimate. The test ~~relied upon~~ which excited the alarm was that the doubted piece would not *ring*; but a split perfectly visible at the edge satisfactorily accounted for this defect. I have to state to you, however, that the suspected coin was really not within the legal limits of standard, as it proved to be 904 ~~th~~, *full*. The other was 901½. I need not say that this excess of fineness ought to be as carefully avoided as a deficiency.

~~I believe that I have not to yet acknowledged~~ I duly received ~~the receipt of~~ your letter of the 9th ult., explain-~~ation~~ ing the reasons which induced you to employ four hands, on full wages, during the late suspension of operations; and also presenting your estimates for the eighteen months following the 1st of Jan. next.

The following dies have been sent to you, through the Treasury Department, in four successive remittances: viz. Oct 22, 1 pr eagle dies; ~~Oct 2, 1 pr.~~

" 24 " half-dollar ".
" 25 } " dime "
2 tail ¼ doll "
" 26 } 1 pr ½ doll "
" dime "

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Jno. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 3. 1842.

November 1842

Mint U.S.
Ph. Nov. 4/42.

Dear Sir,

In the letter from the Postmaster at New Orleans transmitting the supposed ~~counterfeit~~ spurious quarter dollar to which you called my attention, it is stated that another counterfeit of the same kind had been given by him to ~~Dr Riddell~~ the Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint. This specimen has been sent to me by the Superintendent, and was received this morning. I take the liberty of submitting it to your inspection, and you will see that it is very different from the other, and by no means calculated to excite ~~much~~ apprehension. It is deficient in all the "sensible tests" — the feel, the weight, the color, the hardness, the ring. It is evidently a casting, — probably in a plaster mould, — of a soft alloy, apparently composed of tin and lead. No one possessed of the least sagacity could be deceived by it.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. P.

To John Tyler,
President of the
United States.

To/ John Tyler,
Pres. U. States.

Nov. 4. 1842,

~~(Unofficial.)~~

Mint U.S.
Nov. 8th, 1842.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 23d ult.

I am embarrassed to understand how it can happen that an unexceptionable draft on New York funds should be at 5 per cent. discount at New Orleans, especially as I see New York Bank notes quoted at par, in the New-Orleans Commercial Bulletin of the 24th ult., which you were so kind as to send me.

I anticipated ~~an~~ difficulty from your limited appropriations for the current year. Nothing but the most rigid economy could carry you through.

Acids, eagle-dies, and weights have all been sent to you, and are, I hope, ~~in your~~ duly received ~~by~~ before this time.

~~I am glad to find that a disposition is shown in New Orleans to introduce copper.~~

In my letter to you of the 31st ult., I told you that I would send you, in about two weeks, ten kegs of cents, to be ~~sold~~ distributed by you at the Mint. The matter is not without some difficulty, for it is doubtful whether, under the law, we have the right to part with our copper coins from this Mint, without receiving, at the time, "their legal equivalent in other money". The Secretary of the Treasury is absent from Washington at present; but, as soon as he returns, I will lay the matter before him. When a thing ought to be done, some means of effecting it can generally be found.

In your letter of the 24th ult., you make mention of the course pursued by the Assayer, the Melter, and yourself, with regard to a large deposite of foreign gold coins. ~~You~~ As to estimated fineness, you will get every information in the "Manual" published by Messrs. Du Bois & Eckfeldt. Sovereigns may be assumed at 915½ ~~th~~. Napoleons & the Coins of Louis XVIII at 899; but new French gold, (and such seems to be your deposite,) ranks at 900, and is so received by us. Doubloons are too variable to be estimated safely without melting, and it is accordingly our practice to melt them all into bars before assaying. I may mention, however, that Bogota gold averages from 86~~8~~9 to 870.

I have been surprised at a loss of ·9 oz on 300 in melting South American doubloons. I have looked over our three latest melts, and find the loss on 308 = ·09, on 250 = ·07, on 194 = ·04, — corresponding to ·088, ·084, and ·062, or to an average of ·078 on 300 oz, instead ·900 as allowed by you to Mr. Riddell.

R. M. P.

To H. C. Cammack Esq.
~~Supt.~~ Treasurer Br. Mt.
New Orleans

~~P.S.— I observe~~

P.S.— ~~As I~~ Under the fear that you have estimated S. Am. doubloons too low, I have looked over our last assays of those coins, and find them as follows: 870.5, 870, 870, 870, 870, 870, 870, 870, 869; 870, 870, 870, 870, 870, 869, 869, 871, 869; of which the average is 869.86. These do not include, however, any Popayan doubloons.

In answer to a question in your letter, which I find I had overlooked, I have to state that Mexican dollars of 1841 & 42 are received by us at 899 ~~thr~~, ~~and some of them are under standard~~. Those of '39 & 40, at 898; those of 1838 and previous, (not regarding a few of later dates,) at 897.

I send enclosed the draft of George Lewis, mentioned in my letter of 31st ult., which you will please to collect for me, at a suitable time.

To/ H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 8. 1842.

Treasury Department

Nov 5th 1842

Sir:

I have received this morning a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans dated the 27th ulto, requesting me to forward the box transmitted by the mail which carries this to you.

The Superintendent in his letter mentions his intention to send hither for you on the two following days, two packages containing coins for the annual assay, which when received will be immediately forwarded.

I am, Sir,
very respectfully
your obedt servt
McC. Young
acting Secy of Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila

From/
Sec. of Treasury.

Nov. 5. 1842.
Recd. " 7. "

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 8. 1842

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a pair of Eagle, 2 pr 1/2 dollar, 1 do 1/4 dollar, and two prs of Dime, Dies, and enclose a Statement of our Operations during the last month. I have also to request, that you will furnish us with dies for 1843, of all the denominations, long enough before the 1st day of January, to enable us to get them ready for use, by that period.

Very respectfully
Yr ob. Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

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R. M. Patterson Esqre

Director of the Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia

From/ Jas. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 8. 1842,
Recd. " 18. "

Oct. Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of October 1842.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	7.657	97	7.427	561	138.187	22	138.187	22		
Foreign Bullion	803	65	71	609	1.332	22	1.332	22		
U. States Bullion	39	82	42	695	794	32	794	32		
									140.313	76
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	121.531	15	121.112	62	140.931	02	140.931	02		
Foreign Bullion	2.342	20	2.426	72	2.823	84	2.795	19		
									143.754	86
Total Deposites									$284.068	62

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
None					
Silver					
Half Dollars	106.000	53.000	00		
				53.000	00
Total Coinage				$53.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office October 31st 1842.
H. Cammack

Recd. Nov. 18. 1842.

Unofficial.

New Orleans November 5th 1842.

dear Sir

I addressed you a few days ago and gave you mem^o of the deposites that have been made for coinage in the mint. I find that we are partly stopped in our gold operations by the want of acids; Dr Riddell requires, I believe, two Carboys for about every 2000 oz: of So Amn. doubloons. I hope sincerely you have some on the way for us on the best terms to be had. There is none to be had in the city. In fact it comes here on sale in only ~~in~~ very small quantities. Unless we get some soon I fear we shall lose our depositors and prevent them from confiding in us again. It is much to be regretted that this acid was not thought of long ago.

We are terribly annoyed by the want of a few thousand dollars to pay bills due; and current expenses. I have asked, some time past, for $6000. for that purpose but have got nothing yet.

The Register of the Treasury advised me under date of 24. ultimo that our balances were, undrawn, as follows.

Salaries of Officers	6630.70
Compensation to Laborers . . .	2820.–
Wastage of Gold & S. & Contingent . . .	16.276.69
Building & machinery . . .	172.87
	$. 25.900.26

which according to my understanding of the new form, or new heads of appropriation, are as follows

follows say.

Salaries	6630.70
Labor	2820.-
Coinage expences	9052.
House expences	3598.
Office	350
Contingencies	3.276.69
Building & M.	172.87
	$ 25.900.26

The amount of Contingencies has been made by the payment into the Treasury of the United States the debt due by Mr Forstall to the Mint - and which I have been directed to take out of that fund through the a/c of profit & loss,

I asked sometime ago for 6000 $ ~~under~~ from the appropriations for

Coinage	say	4000
House	"	2000

and this day I have applied for the follow[ing]

to pay expences for this quarter

Salaries	3225.
Wages	2820
Coinage	5.052
house	1598
Office	350
Contingencies	3.276.69
Building & M	172.87

The two making together $. 22.494.56

These make a clear sweep except for salaries - and we cannot do with less. The sum for wages will be much too small. Out of the fund for Contingencies there must be paid - Accounts now due $6000 - balance P&Loss 4606 - wastage for this year $4000 - which will leave less than $2000 to pay the current con: expences of the quarter.

I have written thus fully to you to shew the necessity of an early appropriation by Congress for the Mint. We have now near 500.000 $ deposited for Coinage and other large amounts remain, waiting until we can coin a part of this - before they are sent in. The Bank of Louisiana has $100.000 in gold, but as we have already $280.000 from her she wishes to get payment for a part before making a further deposite so as not to increase the amount..

It seems to me that you should be fully aware of our position here. It would be a serious matter to our Banks and in fact to the whole community for us to be ~~compelled to~~ interrupted in our operations with such a large sum unpaid.. Our present appropriations will not pay expences after 1. January..

I will be glad to hear from you with an suggestions at any time that you may think p to make.

Very respectfully
Your mo obt st
H. Cammack

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 5. 1842.
Recd. " 15. "

Doctor R. M. Patterson
United States Mint
Philadelphia

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Mint U.S.

Nov. 8, 1842.

Sir, — ~~I send~~

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. — As all the dime dies received by you this year are still in your possession, and as none are missing from this Mint, I must infer that some Counterfeiters are among us, of superlative skill, for, except the milling, I have not met with so perfect an imitation of our coins as that to which I referred in my letter of the 5th ult.

The counterfeit quarter-dollar sent by you is by no means calculated to excite apprehension. It is defective in all the "sensible tests," — weight, feel, color, hardness, ring, — and it is evidently a casting, probably of an alloy of tin and lead.

The three packages of coins, sent by you for the annual assay, have come safely to hand.

Your letter of the 29th ult. calls my attention to Mr. Wm. M. Tyler's counting-machine, and asks my approval of a charge made ~~by~~ for its use. I ~~am very anxious~~ think it quite just that ~~such~~ Mr. Tyler should receive a pecuniary advantage from this important machine, ~~as I think it just that he should~~ which, during the pressure for small coins, saved so much labor and expense at your Mint. I do not, therefore, object to the bill which he has rendered. But according to careful experiments made by us here as to the expense of counting dimes and half-dimes, I came to the conclusion that 4 cts was a fair charge for counting ~~ten~~ a thousand pieces, and I would advise that such be your tariff for the future. You will observe that the bill includes only the use of the machine. As, by ~~the aid of the apparatus~~ its aid, Mr. Tyler can count 30,000 pieces per hour, the compensation will be liberal, without also paying wages. If the counting be done by workmen of the Mint, and during working hours, you can easily make a tariff for the use of the machine. Supposing the labor of counting 30,000 pieces to cost you 30 cents,—which is ~~very near~~ the truth according to Mr. Tyler's estimate of the time, the fair saving by the use of the machine would be 3 cents per thousand pieces.

I observe it announced, in the news-papers, that Dr. Riddell is ~~making~~ "occupied in making ~~a~~ experiments on alloys for small coin," and "proposes to coin a 3 cent piece of a composition or alloy of silver and copper." Dr. Riddell must feel mortified to find himself set forth as making investigations in a matter so thoroughly understood as coins of billon, which have been used in some parts of Europe for ages. In the session of 1835-6, the introduction of ~~coin~~ such coins was proposed in Congress, and specimens of 2 cent pieces &c, were made at the Mint, of the French billon standard of 200 ths, and other proportions

It is, in my judgment, a very objectionable coinage, and I presume I so convinced the Committee of Congress, for the project was abandoned.

R. M. P.
Dr

To

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

L of Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. +
New Orleans,

Nov. 8. 1842.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Nov 13. 1842

Sir

I have the honor to ackn receipt of your letter of the 31 ultimo, and note the contents.

I enclose a cheque of the Bank of Louisiana on the Merchants Bank of New York for $500. wh please place to my Credit in account Current with you.

With much respect
Your mo obt st
H C Cammack
Tr

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

The Ohio has arrived. Mr Tyler has been quite sick for three days. Is rather better this morning

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 13. 1842
Recd. " 23. "

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Novr 14. 1842

Sir,

I find, upon a reexamination, that the 1/4 Dollar Dies lately received, consist of two tails, instead of one pair, as stated in my letter to you of the 8th instant.

very respectfully,
Yr obedt Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Philada.

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 14. 1842.
Rec'd. " 25. "

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Novr. 17. 1842.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst in relation to the transfer of Copper Coins from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Branch Mint at N. Orleans has been received and I see no objection to the course suggested by you unless it be in the allowance of a Commission to the Treasurer of Branch at N. Orleans. I would therefore, propose that the arrangement be carried out with that exception.

I remain very Respy
W. Forward
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From/ Sec. of Treasury.
Nov. 17. 1842.
Recd. " 19. "

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New Orleans November 22. 1842

Sir

I addressed you a few days ago and enclosed a Bank Cheque for $ 500. on account of the Contingent fund. I have now the pleasure to own receipt of your letter of the 8th which I got the other day.

Exchange was at 5% discount. The Bulletin News paper was in error, no very uncommon thing, in the quotations of Bank notes.

I am rejoiced that the weights are coming. Part of the acid has arrived and it has been pronounced by Dr Riddell as very inferior in quality. barely capable of being used at all. I am truly sorry for this we want it much. Gold is pressing on us but some how or other we cannot get on with speed. The Coiner who has been quite sick came out today and delivered me $42.500 in Gold, making, since our resumption, $55.500 gold and 53.000 silver that has been delivered to me. The Bank of Louisiana has now on deposite $1.600.000 in Specie and the Mechanics & Traders Bank 1.100.000 about one half of which is in foreign coins every dollar of which will be deposited as fast as we can coin it. In the former Bank about 300.000 is in gold principally french and English. but part of it south american which will require separating.

Can you suggest any plan by which we can be kept supplied with acid of a good quality? For some which we purchased here we paid 37½ ¢. – ~~acid~~ I hope the person who sent the last from philadelphia will deem it advisable, to save his reputation, to send out some 10 Carboys of a good article. It will be wanted bye & bye and may prevent us from being stopped again.

Our Banks have nearly all resumed. The period fixed for resumption is 5th proximo. But some of them have anticipated it. Others it is supposed will go into liquidation, being too weak to conform to the law.

I thank you for the information respecting the allowance for loss in weight on coins not melted for assay. I have always believed that too much has been allowed here. The last melt of Mexican dollars made (30000 $ from the Mechanics Bank) came out 898. fine. which gratified me very much

William Tylor is very sick - and I fear will not last long.

I write in haste, and beg of you to overlook my unceremonious style

remain
truly yours
K C Cammack

To Dr Patterson

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 22. 1842
Recd Dec. 3. "

To Dr R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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Mint U.S.

Nov. 23 / 42

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your monthly report for October, and to express my pleasure at observing the marked increase in the amount of your deposits.

~~All orders for the N. Orleans Mint have left here~~

The dies for 1843, wanted for your Mint, are ordered, and will be sent ~~It~~ so as to reach you, I hope, before the commencement of the year.

R. M. P.

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To/
Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/
Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Nov. 23. 1842,

Mint U.S.

Nov. 23/42.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a draft from the Bank of Louisiana on the Merchants Bank of New York, for five hundred dollars, sent in your letter of the 13th inst., and endorsed to my order,— the amount of which will be placed to the credit of your account current here, as you desire.

I am glad to find that your deposits and coinage have so much increased, and that you are now doing so respectable a business. The pecuniary embarrassments, of which you so much complain, were anticipated by me, as you know. I will use every exertion to have your next year's appropriations made as early as possible. Indeed we have a good security against great delay in the circumstance that the approaching session of Congress is the short one.

As you have, before this time, the "Manual of Coins" by our Assayers, and you will there find all the information you desire with regard to foreign coins.

I regret to hear of Mr Lyle's illness. It is a time when the services of so valuable an officer can be ill spared. I hope sincerely that he and we may be soon relieved from this evil.

R. M. P.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ A. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 23. 1842,

New Orleans November 23. 1842

Sir

It seems that I have misinformed you as to the allowance made to the M+R. on South american doubloons. deposited for coinage and delivered to him at an assumed title or else you have misunderstood what I have written. The allowance made was .930unce on 3137. ounces. and on others in proportion. I cannot find any copy of the memo which I furnished you at the time I consulted you on the subject.

To day we have received one deposite of 131.000 from the Bank of Louisiana in Gold and I hope we shall be able to coin all that we have now in the mint at least before the close of the year.

Do you think it possible to induce the Secretary of the Treasury to increase our deposite accounts for the purchase of bullion?

I am very sincerely yrs

H.Cammack

To Dr R.M.Patterson

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
N. Orleans.
Nov. 23. 1842.
Recd. Dec. 5. "

Mint U.S.
Nov. 25/42.

Gentlemen,

We are anxious to receive the ten tons of planchets called for by my two last orders. There is a prospect of a new source of distribution for copper coins at Boston, where I propose to send one of the above orders. If it succeed, as I anticipate, we shall ~~probably~~ require a much larger supply of planchets from you than heretofore, and ~~under~~ on terms different from those on which you are at present furnishing them, and probably more acceptable to you.

I have to beg that you will be particular as to the quality of your kegs. The last that we received were made of green wood, and ~~had th~~ have shrunk so much that the hoops are useless, and indeed many of them had fallen off and been lost, before the kegs came to the Mint.

R.M.P.
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To
Mess. Crocker, Bros. & Co.,
Taunton, Mass.

From/
Crocker Bros. &co,
Taunton,
Mass.

Nov. 25. 1842.

dear Sir

I have addressed you so often lately that I am afraid you will consider me troublesome.

Specie continues to arrive here in quantities. To day about 400.000 dollars came in most of it in Gold.

A deposite of 20000 $ in french & English gold coins was made for coinage to day.

The Gold that comes here from the North has been purchased here by weight. Sovereigns at 94 8/10 cts per dwt and when deposited for coinage does not produce so much. This has caused some enquiry on the part of persons who have been receiving gold.

I have answered that the Gold coins of England are not worth 94 8/10 cts per dwt ~~the~~ as mentioned by the law of the U S. because they are not 22 carats fine.

I am not sure that I am right - but will be obliged if you will inform me. How is it that 4.84 has been fixed as the value of the sovereign? I suppose because at a fineness of 915.5 that is the amount they produced.

I am very sincerely
your mo obt st
H Cammack

To Dr R. M Patterson

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas, &c.
New Orleans.
Postmarked Nov. 27. 1862
Recd. Dec. 7. ~

Mint U.S.
Nov. 28/42.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 25th inst., with a bill, properly receipted, for 42 kegs of copper planchets, amounting to $3566.08.

Our book-keeper requests that this bill be divided, and that you make out two new ones, with separate receipts, — the first for
7 kegs of 392 lbs each, —
9 " 244 " " , and the other for the balance,
upon receipt of which that received this morning will be cancelled.

The reason for this request is, that it will enable us to make an earlier remittance to New York.

What will you charge for planchets, payable in gold & silver or their equivalents, — and payment to be delayed for such reasonable time as will enable us to make sale of the cents, either here or at New Orleans? I know that this last condition is very indefinite, but it is not in my power to present it differently. I think that a very considerable business of this kind may now be done at New Orleans,

R.M.P.

Mess. Crocker, Bros. & Co.,
Taunton, Mass.

~~From~~ To/

Crocker, Bro. & Co.,

Taunton, Mass

Nov. 28. 1842,

(Private)

~~Mint of the United States,~~
Philadelphia, Nov. 28. 1842.

Dear Sir,

~~Since your visit to the Mint, it has occurred to me that your talents might be most advantageously~~

I thank you for sending me, from time to time, a New Orleans paper, & I now make you a general acknowledgment for numerous favors of this kind. I am particularly pleased when information is communicated to me regarding the N. Mint & its doings.

This morning I have recd. from you the Commercial Bulletin of the 18th, which presents, (in the *form* of an editorial,) an ingenious parallel between the Philada. Mint & your Mint at New Orleans. As I have constantly done every thing in my power to advance the interests & the efficiency of your establishment, I am not unwilling that even this representation shall do you benefit with the public; but the author of it can hardly expect that it will mystify such of us as are behind the scenes.

As for example:— The comparison between the operations of the first years of the New Orleans Mint, & the first years of the Philada. Mint, is absurd. Exceedingly imperfect machinery, worked by man & horse power, was put up in what had been a small private residence, & this was "the Mint of the U.S." The population & commerce of the country were very limited. The annual expenditure for the Mint was a mere bagatelle. The New Orleans Branch, on the other hand, is on the scale of the present Mint at Philadelphia, — &c. &c.

The Writer ascribes the falling off of the coinage in 1841 to the necessity of rebuilding the flues, and says that the narrowness of the appropriations has diminished the work this year by causing a suspension of the operations. He forgets to state that the operations have been suspended every year, & that the epidemic scourge of New Orleans has been the true & sufficient cause of these suspensions.

He speaks of the Philadelphia Mint having twice the number of workmen. He forgets to mention that the wages of a hand at New Orleans are nearly double.

He speaks of this Mint having Engravers (?) and an artist who makes balances. He might have stated that our Engraver does more work for the Branches ~~Mint~~ than for the Parent Mint, & that the principal employment of the Mechanician in question is also upon the dies used for coining in the Branches as well as here.

The remainder of the article is fair enough. The present flow of Specie to New Orleans has increased the amount of your deposits, & I regret, as sincerely as you do, that you are cramped as to your means for prompt coinage.

I have in the whole experience of my life, private & public, never known any policy so efficient as candor, any argument so successful as truth. The New Orleans Mint has very strong appeals to make for its continnance & liberal support, & I am firm in the belief that it will be sustained. But the article of the Bulletin is, to say the least, injudicious.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson

H. C. Cammack, Esq.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
New Orleans.

Nov. 28. 1842.

(Private.)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov: 30. 1842

Sir,

I take the liberty, at the request of Mr. Tyler, of reminding you of the necessity of our having a supply of dies for 1843, in time to prepare them for use by the 1st of January. He also desires you to send us immediately, 2 ½ dollar tail dies, for fear that those we now have should not hold out until the end of the year.
You will oblige me by procuring for the Melting Department, with as little delay as practicable, two dozen glass matrasses for parting, and six large separating jars.

Very respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada.

From / Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Nov. 30. 1842.
Recd. Dec. 10. —

Dr.
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia

NEW ORLEANS DEC

Mint U.S.—

Dec. 2d, 1842.

Sir,

I send enclosed a bill of lading & invoice of ten casks of cents, of the ~~legal~~ value of $1,500, which our Treasurer, Major Isaac Roach, places in your hands, ~~for distribution at~~ to be "exchanged for their legal equivalent in other money."

I have communicated to the Superintendent, the terms, as approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, on which this transfer is made; they are as follows:

1st. "That ~~the~~ kegs of cents shall, from time to time, be sent from here to the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and placed in the hands of the Treasurer of that Branch for distribution."

2d. "That the Treasurer of the Branch Mint be considered as the agent of the Treasurer of this Mint in the business."

3d. "That the expenses of transporting the coins, including insurance if deemed expedient, be paid by this Mint."

4th. "That the Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch Mint, in his capacity of agent, shall account with the Treasurer of this Mint, who will of course account with the Department, for this as for all other copper coin transactions."

You will see, by my letter to Mr. Kennedy, that I had proposed a commission to be given to you for your agency in the business, but that it was objected to by the Secretary. If it be found that the plan is worth our continued attention, and that the distribution of copper coins for the Valley of the Mississippi is likely to become extensive, I will gladly ~~renew the~~ again propose and urge the ~~proposal for~~ allowance of a commission. + In the mean while, you will please to look upon the very small ~~amount~~ invoice sent, as an experiment, by which ~~you~~ we may form some notion of the operation of the scheme, with regard to which I shall be ~~so~~ glad to receive a free communication of your views.

We have paid the freight and insurance on the invoice. All further necessary expenses ~~arising~~ incurred by you in the transaction of the business will be allowed in your account.

R. M. P.
Director

To
H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

* In 1837 we required a copper coinage of $55,583, in 1838 of $63,702. May it ~~not~~ be found that your vast region, ~~so~~ ~~a~~ now unsupplied, will require equal amounts.

P. S. – Dec. 3. I have just recd. your letter of the 22d ult.

You have recd. my acknowledgments of the remittance of $500, – all of which is already paid away. The annual Assay in February will put us in funds to some amount, if you are not able to supply us in the mean while.

I am vexed at the report regarding the acid sent from here. We have also found reason to complain of a deterioration in this article. The evil shall be amended, or a new house employed. Mr. Dunning will see to the matter without delay.

Your public deposite ought to be increased. This is the true remedy for your delays of coinage, – or rather of returns to depositors. We are laboring under the same difficulty, though, in consequence of our greater force, not to the same extent. R. M. P.

I will thank Dr. Riddell to inform me whether his Nitric acid contains any Sulphuric acid in it.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 2. 1842.

Mailed 3d.

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Mint U.S.

Dec. 2d, 1842.

Sir,

In consequence of a suggestion made to me by Mr. Cammack, that it would be desirable to have a supply of copper coins placed at New Orleans for distribution, I laid the following propositions before the Secretary of the Treasury.

1st. "That kegs of cents should, from time to time, be sent from here to the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and placed in the hands of the Treasurer of that Branch for distribution."

2d. "That the Treasurer of the Branch Mint be considered as the agent of the Treasurer of this Mint in the business, and that he have allowed to him a commission of one per cent. on the amount of copper sold."

3d. "That the expenses of transporting the coins, including insurance if deemed expedient, be paid by this Mint."

4th. "That the Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch Mint, in his capacity of agent, shall account with the Treasurer of this Mint, who will of course account with the Department, for this as well as for all other copper coin transactions."

On the 17th of Nov., the Secretary of the Treasury, made the following answer to my communication on this subject.

"Your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the transfer of copper coins from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Branch Mint at New Orleans has been received, and I see no objection to the course suggested by you, unless it be in the allowance of a commission to the Treasurer of the Branch at New Orleans. I would therefore propose that the arrangement be carried out with that exception."

In compliance, then, with this authority, and under the arrangements stated, with the exception made by the Secretary, the Treasurer of this Mint, sends to ~~Mr Cammack~~ the Treasurer of your Mint, an invoice of ten casks of cents, of the value of $1,500. This small amount is sent as an experiment on the practicability and advantages of the ~~transactions~~ ~~arrangement~~ plan. I hope that no difficulty will be made, by Mr. Cammack & or yourself, as to this first step, and that you will communicate to me freely and fully as to its practical operation, and your views with regard to its continuance.

R. M. P.
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To Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 2. 1842.

December
1842

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 5. 1842.

Sir,

I have this morning recd. your letter of the 23d ult.

The allowance which you reported as having been made to the Melter & Ref. in Mex. doubloons was .9 oz. on 300 oz. If you had said 3000 oz., the statement would have coincided very ~~much~~ nearly with that which you now ~~send~~ make.

Our public deposite of Silver is reduced to $47,282.36, & we find ourselves embarrassed to make payments of deposites for coinage with sufficient promptitude. I have applied to the Secretary for an increase, & will let you know the result, as it may direct your course.

Mr. Farr, the head of the house which furnishes our acids, has just been to see me. He says that the acid sent to your Mint was the same which we have been using, & Dr. McClintock states that, with the exception of a single carboy, it has been quite satisfactory, — the only impurity being a small quantity of Muriatic acid, which is easily thrown down by nitrate of Silver. — Mr. Farr says that his acid is made from Salt-petre of a very excellent quality, containing only $\frac{1}{5}$ of one per cent of muriatic acid. He asserts that every carboy is tested for Sulphuric acid, & that he is quite confident that none was sent to New Orleans with this impurity.— I have ordered five Carboys more for you, and five for ourselves of the same parcel, that a fair comparison may be made.

I am distressed to hear of the continued & increased illness of poor Wm. Tyler. His Mother has been to see me, & she is very unhappy about his condition. I am glad to learn that Mr. Tyler is again able to attend to business.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 5. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec 6. 1842

Sir,

Enclosed you have the Statement of our Operations, during the last month.

Will you be kind enough to inform me, what disposition is to be made of Dr Riddell's sweep, at the end of the year? Should it be shipped to New York, if the Smelters there are willing to take it, on the same terms as the last, (which please ascertain) or, can Dr R. be authorized to sell it, at the same rate, to Dovenor & Co who carry on a Smelting establishment in this City. This Dovenor, is one of the men employed in our Melting Department.

Very respectfully
Yr obedt Servt

J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From / Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 6. 1842.
Recd. " 19. —

Mint of the United States
Dec. 8th, 1848.

Sir,

In consequence of a recent correspondence with the Secretary of the Treasury, I have felt myself authorized to apply for an increase of ~~the~~ your U.S. deposits, ~~to~~ by the amount of at least $100,000, and I have no doubt that it will be promptly granted.

R. M. P.
Dr. M.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 8. 1842.

New Orleans december 13. 1842.

To

Dr R. M. Patterson

dear Sir

I have received your valued letters of 31 October, the 23 and 28 Nov. and 2nd december - the last of which came to hand this morning

I notice particularly what you say in your letter of 28th I do not know who furnished the information respecting our Mint which was contained in the Bulletin of the 18th Ultimo.

I have collected from the man named George Lewis 10 dollars - amount of his draft to yr order which please to take from the funds in your hands belonging to this Branch. That man has been discharged by Dr Riddell in consequence of some believed duplicity respecting a letter which Lewis was charged with writing to a man named Summers or Sanners, in the Mint in philadelphia, Criticising the Melting Department here &c.

The informer is a man of ~~reputed~~ bad reputation and Lewis complains very much of him.

Dr Riddle thinks the acid by the Josephine is much better than the first 10 Carboys per Ohio.

The 3 Copies of the "manuel" have been received. Mr Eckfelt, when I was in phil^a, proposed to send out some of them for sale. Had he done so I could have disposed of them readily. Several have been ordered by my recommend^n - and I have been requested to get three for my friends. - which Mr Dunning will please to send to me.

I think that I mentioned to you some time ago that Mr Tyler had recovered. Mrs Tyler is not well

and

left here this morning on board the steam ship Alabama for Havana. We have had very bad weather - wet & cold for some time past. but today the sun shines bright & it is very pleasant. I am suffering from severe cold

Large sums of money, mexican dollars of recent coinage, are arriving from Tampico. Yesterday a schooner with near 300.000 $ came in. Our coinage for this month does not now promise to be as large as I had at the beginning of it anticipated.

I am very sincerely

H. C. Cammack

Unofficial

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To Dr R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
H. C. Cammack,
Tr. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Dec. 13/42.

Rec'd 24.

Mint U.S. Dec.r 14/42.

Dear Sir,

Your letter post-marked Nov. 27, but not otherwise dated, mentions an annoyance under which we have long suffered here,— the false valuation of foreign coins by the acts of June, 1834. I have protested against this repeatedly, and at the last session of Congress a new bill was reported to the Senate by the Committee on Finance, but not acted upon. I have written to the Chairman, Mr. Evans, to beg that he will give it his early attention, at this session.— Your explanation of the error of the ~~law~~ act was right, since the fineness of the sovereign is 915½ in fact and 916⅔ by law. There is, however, another cause for the overvaluation, namely that the standard of our own gold coins was somewhat raised in 1837. On all these subjects you will find full information in the "Manual of Coins," of which a copy was taken to you by Gen. Lewis. By the by, has Gen. Lewis arrived among you, and is he employed? Did Mr King also find employment?

I have been distressed to hear of William Tyler's sad condition. Please to let me hear about him whenever you write.

R. M. P.

H. C. Cammack, Esq.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 14. 1842.

Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14/42.

Sir,

Will you excuse me for asking that you will give your attention, at as early a period ~~of the session~~ as practicable, to the bill reported by your committee ~~for~~ at the last session, respecting the rates at which certain foreign coins are to be made current in the United States? The errors of the present ~~bill~~ law continue to deceive the public and to annoy the Mints. I have received, within a few days, a letter from the Treasurer of the New Orleans Mint, in which he says.

"A deposite of $20,000 in French and English gold coins was made for coinage to-day. The gold that comes from the north has been purchased by weight; — Sovereigns at 94.8 cents per dwt., — and when deposited for coinage does not produce so much. This has caused inquiry on the part of persons who have been receiving gold, &c." The result of such inquiries is to put a stop to ~~such~~ further deposites on the part of those who ~~have been~~ learn ~~foun~~d that the law of Congress has deceived them. Can any one require that such a state of things should continue?

R.M.P.

To/
Hon. George Evans.

To/
Hon. Geo. Evans,
U. S. Senate.

Dec. 14. 1842.

Mint U.S.

Dec. 14. '42.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you, by the present Mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope, to the Supt. of the Br. Mint at New Orleans, which I pray you to forward under your frank.

Several more boxes, for the same Mint, will be sent by the succeeding mails.

R. M. P.

Dr

To Hon W. Forward

Sec. of Treas.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Dec. 14. 1842.

New Orleans

New Orleans December 16th 1842

Dear Sir

By request of my nephew Wm Tyler. I send you Twenty five dollars in payment of a note which he gave you for the money ~~which~~ you was so kind as to lend him; also Fifty dollars for his mother, which I beg you will have the kindness to apprise her of. I presume you are aware of Williams rapid decline, as I gave a true account of his condition, to his mother some time since. Every day makes me more acquainted with the progressive symptoms of the last stages of consumption. and although he has been able to sit up nearly all day for a week or two past, and to ride a short distance in a carriage on very pleasant days, he is undoubtedly fast sinking under the disease indeed his physician thinks there is no prospect of his living through the winter. I have felt much afflicted by his sickness, as well as by the illness of my dear wife, whose life I have almost dispaired of for several months past, & who as a last resort has just embarked for Havanna, to try the effects

of a more healthy atmosphere. I have been severely ill
myself as you have already been acquainted by Mr Cammack
and have only partially recovered my usual health.
My physician urged me to go with Mrs Tyler to Cuba, at least
to make the trip there & back, which he thought of the utmost
importance to me, and which I had concluded to do; but
in consequence of the untoward circumstances of which you
are probably already informed through Mr Kennedy, I have
felt myself compelled to remain, very much against my in=
=clination — the circumstance to which I refer are relative to
my discovery of a deficiency of about 300 oz of gold, which
it appears, was in consequence of mistakes made in the
transfers of either clippings or ingots when I was sick —
and notwithstanding Dr Riddell has found an excess in his
possession nearly equal to what I am deficient, I feel in
great distress, from an apparent combination of difficulties
with which I am so poorly qualified to contend. But I have a
firm reliance in the wisdom and goodness of Providence, in
which I have much consolation —

Please hand Wm Tyler's note to his mother, and in apprising her of your
receipt of the draft — you will confer a great favor, as she is much
in need —

Very Sincerely your Humble Servant

R. B. Tyler

To Dr. Robert M. Patterson }

To
Dr Robert M. Patterson
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
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From
P. B. Tyler, Esq
Coiner of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 16/42.
Rec'd. 27th.

From P. B. Tyler Esq
Coiner Br. Mint
N. Orleans
Dec. 16/42
Rec'd 27th

Mint U.S. Dec. 19/42.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 6th inst., with ~~the~~ report of the operations of your Mint for November. The deposites, I am glad to see, are ~~of a very~~ greater than they have heretofore been at your establishment. The inability to keep your coinage upon a level with your deposites, ~~that~~ when there occurs, as in the present instance, a sudden increase of the latter, shows the necessity of a larger capital to work on, in the form of a government deposite. I hope that, by the present time, this essential part of the machinery of a Mint has been supplied to you.

You inquire whether it would be objectionable that Dr. Riddell should have his sweep smelted at New Orleans by Dovener & Co., ~~provided~~ if it can be done on the same terms obtained at New York for his former sweep. I answer certainly ~~yes~~ not: always ~~prov~~ provided that the condition of payment in advance, ~~before~~ on the delivery of the sweep, be rigidly enforced. Dovenor failed in Philadelphia in his attempts at smelting, and, as I informed you, was put in prison for debt and ~~failure in fulfilling~~ breach of his contract. I hope therefore that no pecuniary trust may be placed in him in any contract ~~with~~ by the Mint.

I beg you to send me your next monthly report as early as possible after the close of the year, and to send, at the same time, any information or remarks, which you may deem important to me in making up my annual report.

R. M. P.
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To/ Jo. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. I have to ack. the recd. of your letter of the 20th ult. We sent you, on the 14th inst., through the Sec. of Treas., 1 pair ½ dollar dies, on the 15th, – 1 pr. Eagle dies, and on the 16th, 1 pair ¼ dollar dies. We send to day 1 head ½ Eagle, & 1 head ¼ dollars, and shall continue to send a box by each mail till you have a present supply. You will observe that we now send them in tin boxes, & that each box has a number stamped upon the cover, [illegible] indicating the order in which the boxes are sent.

The glass matrasses are ordered & will be shipped to you from Boston. We are making arrangements with a manufacturer to have stone jars made for you.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 19. 1842.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of November, 1842.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Bullion	57	21	40	880	760	56	760	56		
Foreign Coins	14.469	69	14.352	815	267.029	11	267.029	11		
									267.789	67
Silver										
Foreign Bullion	2.043	00	2.038	21	2.371	76	2.371	76		
Foreign Coins	105.279	40	104.942	63	122.115	03	122.115	03		
									124.486	79
					Total Deposites				$392.276	46

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles	17.000	42.500	00		
Eagles	7.800	78.000	00		
				120.500	00
Silver					
Half dollars	122.000	61.000	00		
				61.000	00
	146,800				
	Total Coinage			$181.500	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office November 30th 1842.

H. Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. Dec. 19. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans Dec 22nd 1842

Sir,

I am desired by Dr. Hort to apply to you for "four or five dozen matrasses for gold assays, and a set of annealing crucibles for the same purpose". Our deposites, of gold requiring to be parted, having of late been very large, I have also to ask you for 25 Carboys more of Nitric Acid — That recently sent by you has been received, as well as the Weights. Dr. Riddell recommends that you purchase the Acid, at the Establishment of N. Lennig & Co. from whom he has lately had one Carboy as a Sample.

The ten casks of cents, shipped to this Mint for distribution, have not yet come to hand. I will, after a trial of the experiment, give you my views respecting "the practicability of the plan" &c — My present opinion is, that the introduction of Copper Coins here, would be objectionable, in the eyes of a very large majority of our community — In 1827 or 28, the Branch Bank of the U. S. in this City, received, also for distribution, from the Mother Bank in Philadelphia, 10 Kegs of cents. The whole amount sold was $20 worth and that, for some special purpose. This information I derive from the individual who was the paying Teller of the Branch at the time – The change for the worse, which, since that period, has taken place in the situation of affairs here, great as it is, will not, I am confident, overcome the prejudice existing against Copper as a circulating medium –

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Y^{r} obed^{t} Servant
J M Kennedy
Sup^{t}

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From/
Jno. M. Kennedy, Esq
Supt. &c
New Orleans.

Dec. 22. 1842.
Recd. Jan. 2. 1843.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia

January 1843

1843

Received, Dec. 27th 1842, of Dr. R. M. Patterson, fifty dollars, transmitted to me, through him, by my son William Tyler, from New Orleans.

$50. –

Elizabeth Tyler

Dec 27, 1842

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint, New Orleans, in acct with the Melter & Refiner, Silver. Cr.

1842			Ounces	dec	1842			Ounces	dec
Decr	31	To amount of Silver Ingots, delivered to him during the Year 1842.	1.342.555	35	Decr	31	By Silver Bullion received from him during the Year 1842.	1.398.934	56
"	"	" Amt of Bullion in Silver, delivered to him this day, in settlement.	53.820	29					
"	"	" Net amount of Silver in Grains & Sweep. as per Assayer's certificate	844	81					
"	"	" Wastage.	1.714	11					
			1.398.934	56				1.398.934	56

Wastage = 1.23 pm

Melter & Refiner's Office
December 31st 1842.
(Signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans in Account with the Coiner, Silver, Cr.

1842 Decr	31	To amt of coins delivered to him this Year	765,058	55	1842 Decr	31	By Silver Ingots received this Year	1,345,499	36
		" Amt of Clippings delivered to him this year	550,873	15					
		" Amt of Bullion weighed in settlement	27,549	45					
		" Wastage —	2,018	21					
			1,345,499	36				1,345,499	36

Coiner's Office Decr 31st 1842
(Signed) R. L. Tyler
Coiner

Wastage = 1½ ‰ exactly —
Very large — & why exact?

Dec 31, 1872.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans, in Account with the Coiner, Gold, Cr.

1842 Decr	31	To amt of Coins delivered to him this Year.	21.795	625	1842 Decr	31	By amt of Ingots recd from him this year	47.924	914
		" amt of Clippings delivered to him this Year.	24.938	382					
		" amt of Bullion weighed this day in settlement	1.143	050					
		" Wastage for this year	47	857					
			47.924	914				47.924	914

Coiner's Office December 31st 1842
(Signed) R. B. Tyler
Coiner

Wastage = 1 ‰ almost exactly. None so close to this

Recd. Jan. 30. '43

Copy.

Dr. The United States, in Account with Horace C. Cammack, Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans, Cr.
his account of the ordinary receipts & expenditures for the quarter ending the 31st of December, 1842.

1842			Dollars	Cts
Septr	30	To Balance, pr acct rendered to this date	266	56
Decr	31	" Amount paid from 1st October to this date, inclusive, for the "Coinage Expenses" of the Branch Mint	6,860	43
"	"	" Amount paid for "House Expenses" of the Branch Mint	1,828	68
"	"	" Amount paid for the "Office Expenses" of the Branch Mint	96	25
"	"	" Amount paid "Wages of Laborers" employed at the Mint.	3,667	50
"	"	" Amount paid Salaries of Officers & Clerks, of the Mint, for the Quarter ending this day.	3,225	00
"	"	" Amount paid from Incidental & Contingent Expenses to Silver Coinage, Bullion acct, being for the Balance of Profit & Loss account on the Bullion Books of the Mint, up to the 30th of September last.	3,276	69
"	"	" Balance to new Account	3,273	45
			$22,494	56

1842			Dollars	Cts
Novr	8	By Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the U. States No. 2006. for the "Coinage" & "House Expenses" of the Branch Mint.	6,000	00
Decr	3	" Amount of Draft of the Treasurer of the U. States No. 2196. for the Salaries of Officers & Clerks, Wages of Laborers, Coinage, House & Office Expenses, Buildings & Machinery & Incidental & Contingent Expenses & repairs of the Branch Mint.	16,494	56
			$22,494	56

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st 1842.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Recd. Feb. 2. 1843.

Philadelphia. Dec. 24, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 13th, just received.

I am sorry for what you tell me about poor George Lewis, especially as I think there is reason to believe that the accusation under which he has been discharged ~~by the Superintendent~~ is unfounded. We have three men at the Mint named Somers, — Martin, Henry, & George, — all men of the best character, — and they all assure me that they have received no letter from George Lewis since he arrived at New Orleans; — indeed your letter gives us the first information that he had arrived, although some of his creditors have been making anxious inquiry after him. He had promised, when he left us, to write to Martin Somers, but he has not done so.

Mess. Eckfeldt & DuBois will send a parcel of the Manual to you by the first opportunity. They are much obliged to you for the interest you have taken in this work. ~~They~~ As New Orleans is a great bullion market, they would be disposed to place copies of their books in the hands of a bookseller there, but their sad experience has shown them that they cannot get from there country any of the proceeds of their sales.

I am anxious to hear whether the Secretary has increased your U.S. deposits, and also what is the result of our small remittance of copper coins, and what you think of the continuance of this operation.

Very truly yours
R.M.P.

H/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq
Tr. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 24/42.

NEW ORLEANS – 1843

dear Sir

It has been mentioned to me several times lately that Mr Kennedy has determined to take the dwelling house now occupied by me in the Mint for his own residence; and, apprehending that I would not willingly resign it has been, for some time, preparing himself to get possession by obtaining the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury - either when in Washington or since his return, by correspondence.

I can hardly believe that such is the case as Mr Kennedy has not said a word on the subject to me - nor even hinted at it. but lest it may be so. I address you to make a few remarks.

The only pretensions

that I see, that can be advanced by Mr Kennedy, or in favor of his having the house, is that Mr Bradford, who was Superintendent once occupied it.

There is nothing in the law which gives him a preference over any other officer - and much less in the duties which he has to perform, for his presence is less required at the Mint than that of any other officer in it - half an hour a day, generally, suffices and sometimes he is not required at all - while the Treasurer has to be here many times a day and sometimes for hours together, particularly when there are heavy deposites of Gold.

The Building is a mile from the Center of mercantile business and the presence of the Treasurer early in the mornings and in the afternoons, facilitates much the transactions of the Mint and often accommodates the public.

Besides this, having large pecunia responsibilities attached to him, he should have his dwelling as near his vaults as possible.

His reason for abandoning any claim to this house was, if I mistake no advanced by Mr Kennedy himself in 1840 when a correspondence took place between him and the Secretary of the Treasury ~~of~~ on the subject.

In 1839 when I returned from the North and mentioned to him that his name had been presented for nomination for the place he now holds, Mr Kennedy remarked to me that he would not accept the appointment if it required him to reside in the building. It was then a mere barn - and the grounds were covered with rubbish and manure and to occupy it then was looked upon as a punishishment rather than a pleasure.

The house has now, under my arrangements, been made one of the best and most pleasant in the City. The grounds are handsomely ornamented with trees, shrubberies and flowers: and stables & coach houses have been built, all at considerable expense — and *my* expense, And, upon the whole, as a residence it is now decidedly the most desirable in the City.

I should grieve much to lose my place now. I have been, in a measure, identified with the Mint and its success has been a source of much gratification to me — but if deprived of the dwelling which I now occupy I could not attend to the duties of it without

without interfering too much
with my mercantile affairs, wh
I consider of more importance
to me than the office, - the tenure
of which is at all times uncertain. If, therefore, it should
happen, which I can hardly
believe, that ~~the~~ I lose my
dwelling, I shall withdraw
entirely.

It is my intention to decline
to give up the house, if called on,
until the matter has been
thoroughly considered and
decided on at Washington
and I shall propose that
the matter shall be laid before

the Secretary of the Treasury and yourself to decide without discussion.

I am, Sir
very sincerely
your faithful servant
H. C. Cammack

April 5. 1843

Dr Patterson.

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 5. 1843.
Recd. " 17. "

private &
Unofficial

New Orleans April 1.st 1843.

dear Sir

I was very much surprized two days ago to receive a letter from the Treasurer of the U.S. enclosg two drafts drawn to my order for one hundred thousand dollars each. and a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury stating that the amounts are to be put to the Credit of the Treasurer to be drawn for as the exigencies of the department may require. that separate accounts must be kept. that additional remittances will be made soon &c. I am therefore, de nouveau, depositary of the U.S. malgré moi.

But a short time ago I received a letter from Mr Selden saying that my account was balanced - closed - on his books: and I was pleased. but it is again openned, and I cannot know when it will now be closed.- for all this work I have received no compensation since 30 June 1841. When in Washington I made an account for compensation from June 41. to June '42 - $1000. by the advice of some of the gentlemen in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury but it has never been acted upon. My salary is 2000 dollars per annum and I run many risk

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The book keeper in my Counting House gets 1200 $ per annum and has no responsibilities. Nothing is intended here as a complaint - On the contrary I will do all that is required of me, cheerfully. I do not see how I can *count* & put the money away however without, without *some* assistant. The business of the Mint keeps the weighmaster and Clerk well employed and I am at a loss to know how I shall manage

Annexed you have memorandum of the Coinage for the quarter ending yesterday - at about this speed we can continue. Half of January was lost - in settling accounts .. And we could always have worked better than we did had it not have been for the pressure for small *coins* - which kept us backs. If you can suggest any mode by which I can get my *back* salary as Sub Treasurer & some additional compensation allowed you will much oblige me.

In haste
I am, sincerely & truly
Your very Obt St
H. Cammack

To Dr R. M. Patterson.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 31 Mar. 1843

Coinage for 1 quarter 1843.
pieces.
January. Half dollars 48.000 value $ 24.000

February. Quarter Eagles 2.002
Half Eagles - 19.075
Eagles ... 35.262 = $ 453.000

Quarter Dollars. 352.000 = 88.000
541.000

March.
Quarter Eagles 72.000 - 190.000
Eagles - 27.300 - 273.000
463.000
Quarter Dollars 148.000 = 37.00
500.000
$ 1.065.000

Gold 453.000
463.000
916.000.-

Silver 24.000
88.000
37.000
= 149.000.-
$ 1.065.000.-

Doctr R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Apr. 1. 1843.
Recd. ~ 11. ~

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U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans April 10. 1843.

Sir -

I enclose a statement of our operations during last month.

The Coiner has cancelled in my presence, the following dies for 1842, by cutting a cross upon their face -

1 head 1/2 Eagle
2 pr. of Eagles, One of them reserved from 41.
1 pr. of 1/4 Eagles
5 pr. of 1/4 Dollars
4 pr. and 3 head dimes
2 pr. and 4 head 1/2 dimes
8 pr. 1/2 dollars, including 1 tail reserved from 41

It appears that One of the 1/2 dime dies reserved last year was a head. In a memorandum furnished me at the time by Mr. Tyler, he had set them down as five tails -

Dies received in 1842, reserved.

1/2 dimes	6	tails
Dimes	3	do
1/4 dollars	2	do
1/2 Eagle	1	do

This account agrees with the dies received at this Mint in 1842, and those reserved from 41, with the exception of 1 head 1/4 dollar die entered (perhaps erroneously) on our books as a tail - Be good enough to inform me whether such is the case - I am very respectfully, Sir

Yr. obedt. Servt.

J. M. Kennedy Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq. -
Director of the Mint of the U. S. Philada

From/ Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 10. 1843.
Recd. — 20. —

March Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of March 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold										
U. S. Bullion	254	87	263	431	4.901	05	4.901	05		
Foreign Bullion	155	65	93	811	1.745	32	1.745	32		
U.S. Coins, (Old Emission)	51	17	51	795	963	63	963	63		
Foreign Coins	17.959	19	18.000	752	334.897	70	334.897	70		
									342.507	70
Silver										
Foreign Coins	76.054	85	75.795	58	88.198	50	88.198	50		
Foreign Bullion	3.607	90	3.445	46	4.009	25	4.008	44		
									92.207	75
					Total Deposites				$434.715	45

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles.	76.000	190.000	00		
Eagles.	27.300	273.000	00		
				463.000	00
Silver					
Quarter Dollars	148.000	37.000	00		
				37.000	00
	251,300 Total	Coinage		$500.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1843.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. April 20. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 17. 1843

Sir

Some time ago, Mr. Archibald Cooper was employd by Mr. Tyler to do some work, which kept him occupied for about two weeks. It was the intention of Mr. T., as he was satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Cooper acquitted himself of his task, to take the first opportunity that would occur, to give him a permanent situation in his Department.
As none such has as yet presented itself, Mr. C, who is on the eve of leaving this place for Philada., has requested me to make the above statement to you, in explanation of the reason why his services have not been engaged at this Mint.

I am
respectfully, Sir,
Y. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philadelphia

From / Jo. M. Kennedy
Supert —
New Orleans.
April (?) 17. 1843.
Recd June 26. —

Mint U.S.
April 18/43.

Sir,

~~I have delayed answering the postscript to your letter~~

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult.

The orders which you send, for Dr. Hort, Dr. Riddell, and Mr. Tyler, are attended to by my clerk Mr. Dunning. I ~~will so~~ think it right to mention that pure nitric acid costs 50 cts a pound, while the common acid costs but 12½; and that ~~our assayer~~ the workman employed by our Assayers purifies all the acid which they use, and thus saves ~~the expense of buying the~~ 75 per cent of the cost. The ~~process is a~~ apparatus is simple, and the process easy, and well known to Dr. Hort.

I am happy to learn that your visit to Washington was so successful, and have only to regret that you had not extended your journey ~~so far~~ a little farther, ~~and~~ paid us a visit at the Mint, and seen something of ~~our~~ Philadelphia and its society. You would have been made very welcome; and to see the manner of conducting business in our institution might have been very useful to you.

I ~~am~~ have been embarrassed by the ~~extent~~ ~~proposition which you make~~ reference which you make to me as to the question of your ~~claiming~~ occupying the residence at the Mint, now in the tenure of Mr. Cammack. I have thought much of it; and have at last come to the conclusion not to interfere in the matter, unless ~~my opinion be officially~~ asked by the Secretary of the Treasury. ~~My opinions as to the advant~~ ~~When you gave~~. When you declined occupying ~~the~~ apartments at the Mint, and they were given to the Treasurer, I was not consulted; so that I must presume this step was taken ~~with~~ under the immediate authority of the Department at Washington. When you informed me, by your letter of Nov. 17, 1839, that the arrangement had been made, ~~and th~~ I wrote, in reply, (Dec. 3, 1839,) that I considered it "a desirable one for the public service"; and afterwards added — "You have done a benefit to the institution in yielding your apartments to the Treasurer. It is much more important that he should reside on the premises." ~~If you now have an inten-~~ If, however, you have changed your wishes on this subject, and differ from me in the opinion expressed above, it will be proper that you make application ~~to~~ on the subject to the Secretary, and I know that you will not do so without giving notice to that effect to Mr. Cammack.

A copy of the regulations given to our night watch is sent enclosed, as you request.

R. M. P.
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Prof
Joseph M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

~~P.S.~~ Please to inform me as to the result of the invoice of copper coins.

Regret that I have not yet received your report for March.

You mention in your letter the subject of small coins. ~~The former~~ You will see by the subjoined copy of a letter from the present Secretary of the Treasury that he ~~at~~ unites with the former Secretary in his views of this matter; You will of course conform ~~[illegible]~~ to them as far as practicable.

To/ Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 18. 1843.

Mint U.S.
April 18/43.

Sir,

When, on entering upon my office here ~~as Director of the Mint~~, I came to examine the plans adopted for the Branch Mints, I found that they were all upon such a scale as to admit of apartments for the residence of, at least one of the officers, without interfering with the operations; ~~of the establishments~~ and I thought such residence very desirable for the convenience of persons having business to transact, and especially for the safety of the buildings. In the arrangement of the rooms such residences were accordingly provided for, and the plans were submitted to the Department and approved.

At the New Orleans Mint, ap~~p~~artments were provided for the Superintendent, the Coiner, and the Melter & Refiner; ~~the rooms for t~~ and were so occupied by the first officers appointed. But when the present Superintendent, Mr. Kennedy, came into office, he declined residing at the Mint, and the apartments were given by him to the Treasurer, Mr. Cammack, who has occupied them ever since. — Under date of Nov. 17, 1839, Mr. Kennedy wrote to me as follows:— "Preferring my own residence to that alotted to the Superintendent, I have given up the apartments in the Mint occupied by Mr. Bradford to Mr. Cammack," &c. ~~who has asked my consent to cert~~

~~In my reply, of Dec. 3, 1839, I say~~

who has asked my consent to certain improvements and alterations about the premises..." &c.

In my reply, of Dec. 3, 1839, I say— "I presume you would be justified in providing for the comfortable accommodation of the Treasurer, whose residence at the Mint is desirable for the public service." And again:— "You have done a benefit to the institution in yielding your apartments to the Treasurer. It is much more important that he should reside on the premises."— In the same letter I say:— "I do not think that any charge for erecting stables would pass the audit at Washington. Even residences at the Mint were not contemplated originally, and are now permitted, on account of the greater security × and facility in transacting public business. Residences are not allowed to the officers of this Mint."

Since Mr. Kennedy's return from Washington, he has written to me, under date of March 28, 1843, as follows:— "The next personal matter about which I desire to confer with you is my residence at the Mint. I gave it up, ~~as you~~ at the time of my appointment, as you well know, to Mr. Cammack, who has been occupying it now nearly four years. This has made, and would continue to make, an annual difference to me of at least $1200. I am not able to spare it, and my intention is, (if you think there would be no impropriety in it,) after giving Mr. C. reasonable notice, to move my own family to the Mint. That the apartments in question are intended for the Superintendent appears by a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to Mr. Bradford, dated June 13, 1839; but I have thought it my duty to communicate with you on the subject, in consequence of your having said to me, in one of your first letters, that in giving them up to the Treasurer, I had rendered the institution service. In addition to the reason given above for now wishing to reside in the Mint, I will state, that the distance therefrom to my ~~house~~ present dwelling is so great, (being about one mile,) that it is impossible for me to be there as often

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through the day as I would desire." ~~Have not~~

On the 5th inst., the Treasurer, Mr. Cammack, writes to me on the same subject. He had heard. ~~that~~ of Mr. Kennedy's ~~[illegible]~~ ~~had determined~~ ~~to~~ desire to ~~claim~~ take possession of the residence at the Mint, and he protests warmly against it. The grounds which he takes are — that there is no~~t~~ ~~legal~~ claim which ~~he~~ Mr. Kennedy can make, ~~to~~ except that the apartments were occupied by ~~th~~ Mr. Bradford while he was Superintendent. — That if there be "nothing in the law which gives him a preference over any other officer, much less is there in the duties which he has to perform, for his presence is less required at the Mint than that of any officer in it, ... while the Treasurer has to be present many times a day, and sometimes for hours together, particularly when there are heavy deposits." — ... Besides this, having large pecuniary responsibilities attached to him, he should have his dwelling as near his vaults as possible." He states, moreover, that when Mr. Kennedy originally refused to occupy the house, "it was a mere barn, and the grounds were covered with rubbish and manure" .... "The house has now" ~~under~~ (Mr. Cammack states) "under my arrangements, been made one of the best and most pleasant in the city. The grounds are handsomely ornamented, ... and stables and coach houses have been built, all at considerable expense, — and my expense."

I regret exceedingly to ~~to~~ trouble you with this unpleasant business, — ~~question~~ ~~matter~~ ~~matter~~, — but it is one in which I cannot pretend to act without your orders, — and indeed Mr. Cammack expresses his "intention to decline to give up the house, if called on, until the matter has been thoroughly considered and decided on at Washington", and says, "I shall propose that the matter be laid before the Secretary of the Treasury and yourself to decide, without discussion," — meaning, no doubt, between him and Mr. Kennedy.

I have now laid

To/ Sec. of Treasury.
Ap. 18/43.

Not sent.

Regards Mr. Kennedy's application for the apartments now occupied by Mr. Cammack, at the N. Orleans Mint.

private.

New Orleans April 18. 1843.

My dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 6th inst and have not since heard any thing more about the dwelling. I cannot bring myself to believe that any effort can be intended respecting it.

I am sorry to say that the Acid is again exhausted. and the separating again at a stand still and must remain so until a new supply arrives from Philadelphia

Annexed I hand you copy of a letter which I addressed to the Comptroller of the Treasury on the 31 st ultimo. If I am wrong in any way in the position I have attempted to assume. I will be thankful if you will tell me so.

Very Sincerely
Your obt St
H. C. Cammack
Treasr.

To
Doctor Patterson.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 18. 1843.
Recd. — 28. —

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

APR 19

Duplicate

Branch Mint. New Orleans
Treasurers Office 31st March 1843

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 17th instant. in which I am informed. that my Bullion accounts for the 4th Quarter of 1842 have been suspended. for an explanation of the causes. that have produced so great an amount of wastage. in the operations of this Mint. as that charged by the Coiner. and Melter & Refiner for 1842. and making allusion to the fact. that the assays of this Mint. as compared with those of Philadelphia. are. when a difference exists. uniformly against the Deposito of Bullion here.

The Charges for wastage. do not come under the consideration of the Treasurer. and in entering them in my accounts. I trust that it will not be considered, that I can be involved in responsibility. having acted in strict performance of my duty. under the Law. on the warrants of the Superintendent – to him I have referred Your Letter. and as soon as the desired explanations are made, by the proper Officers. they will be forwarded to You. The finding of the true fineness of Bullion deposited for Coinage. has for a long time had my particular attention. and I am pleased to say. that our assays now result in producing titles more regular. and which I trust. will be found more satisfactory.

I am with great respect
and Consideration
Your mo. obt Servt

To J W McCulloh Esqr
Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint U.S.
April 24, 1843.

Sir,

On the deposite of gold coins, there has been heretofore a deduction authorised on the weight, for loss on melting, of ·30 oz on 1000 ozs.

We have found that this allowance, was, ~~in the case of~~ in many cases, more than was required for the protection of the Mint from loss, and that it presented the ~~evil~~ ill consequence of reducing the Mint value of British and French coins below the new valuation under the act of March 3d 1843. I have therefore established the following tariff of reductions on gold coins for loss by melting.

If the coins be new & clean — 0.00 oz
If ~~[illegible]~~ worn, but not very dirty, 0.15 "
If very dirty, — — — 0.30 "
on a weight of 1000 ozs.

Our Assayer and Melter both are of opinion that it will be very rarely necessary to ~~go to~~ resort to a greater allowance than 0.15 oz.

You will please to use this tariff of deductions, henceforward, at the New Orleans Mint.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 24, 1843.

Mint U.S.
April 24/43.

Sir,

I find that I am in arrear to you in our correspondence.

In your letter of the 29th ult., you send me a copy of a communication to you from the Comptroller of the Treasury, respecting the large amount which appears in your account of wastage. Of this communication I had ~~also~~ before received a copy from the Comptroller, which I immediately answered. Mr. Kennedy shows his dissatisfaction at this account in letters to me of the 17th & 26 ~~30~~th of Jan., to which I replied. Thus stands this unpleasant matter. You are right in your opinion that the investigation of this case, and the correspondence with the Department respecting it, belong to the Superintendent.

The portion of a 20 fr. piece sent in your letter was carefully assayed, and proved to be 899.1 ~~th~~ fine. Its weight was 71 grains, and its value $2.71, with which amount you are credited in my account.

In your letter of the 1st inst., you mention that you are recently made the depository of $200000 of ~~that~~ money, and that ~~other~~ it is announced that other ~~amounts~~ remittances will follow. It appears to me that this medium is quite legitimate, and that the deposits are certainly made under the provisions of the 31st Sect. of the Act of Jan 18, 1837, with which the instructions of the Secretary, as to separate accounts, and being held subject to treasury drafts, are quite in accordance. In the course taken, I see no new sub-treasury.

As to your claim for services as subtreasurer, after the repeal of the law, I cannot help you, having been unable to help our own treasurer.

With regard the question, of a more personal character, ~~regard~~ respecting which you write to me in your letter of the 5th inst., I will say nothing more, at this time, than that I have reason to believe that the step, if taken at all, will not be taken without application to the Department, made with your knowledge.

R. M. P.

F/

H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 24. 1843.

Mint of the United States,
April 29: 1842.

Sir,

I have just had a visit from Mrs. Tyler, and she has requested me to inquire whether there was any thing due to her from New Orleans for the use of the counting apparatus invented and patented by her late husband.

When I wrote to you respecting the fair allowance for the use of this apparatus I estimated it at 3 cents per thousand pieces. I have since found, by its actual use, that this was hardly a sufficient payment for the time and labor which it actually saved, and I have allowed 4 cents on a thousand pieces as determined by the deliveries made by the Coiner to the Treasurer: all other countings to be left out of view, as indeed they are not of much amount, and could not be readily ascertained. On this ground I have just signed a warrant to pay her $36.12 for 903 thousand pieces counted from the commencement of the year till this time.

The two half Eagle dies, required by your Coiner, are ordered. Very respectfully,

Your faithful servt.

To Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Apr. 29 / 43.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States -
May 4th 1843.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present Mail, a box containing dies for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and so directed on the inner envelope. I pray you to cause it to be forwarded under your frank as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director,

To Honble John C. Spencer
Secretary of the Treasury -

To / Sec. of Treasury.

May 4/43.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States.
May 4th. 1843.

Sir,

I have sent to day, to the Secretary of the Treasury, two tail eagle dies, to be forwarded to you under his frank.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
(Signed) R. M. Patterson
Director.

To Jos. M. Kennedy Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 4/43.

May 1843

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
May 10. 1843.

Sir,

You will find this letter accompanied by a Statement of the Operations at this Mint, during the last month.

Of the copper coins sent out to our Treasurer $475. worth have been sold, viz: $430 to two of our Commercial Houses by whom they were shipped to the Western Country, and $45 to our Mint, to be used in alloying Gold -

You will oblige me by letting us have as soon as possible, the Matrasses which I some time ago, ordered for Dr. Wort.

Respectfully,
Yr. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of
the Mint of the U.S.
Philada.

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 10. 1843.
Recd. — 20. —

April Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of April. 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Groſs Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	29.016	77	29.342	767	545.911	94	545.911	94		
Foreign Bullion	29	85	19	230	357	77	357	77		
U. S. Bullion	191	78	202	743	3.771	96	3.771	96		
									550.041	67
Silver										
Foreign Coins	70.458	15	70.151	48	81.630	80	81.630	80		
Foreign Bullion	1.034	40	922	95	1.073	99	1.073	99		
									82.704	79
					Total Deposites				$632.746	46

Coinage

Denomination	Number Pieces	Value		Total Value	
Gold.					
Half Eagles	36.000	180.000	00		
Eagles.	20.000	200.000	00		
				380.000	00
Silver					
Quarter Dollars	96.000	24.000	00		
Half Dollars.	88.000	44.000	00		
				68.000	00
	240,000	448,000	00		
	Total	Coinage		$448.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office April 30th 1843.
H. Cammack
Jr.

Report for April.

Recd. May 20/43.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans.
May 15. 1843.

Sir,

I rec.^d by this morning's mail, box N.º 17 containing two tail Eagle dies. We are entirely out of 1/2 dollar dies. You will oblige me by sending us half a dozen pair, including those already ordered. Mr Tyler thinks that number will not be too great.

Respectfully
Y.^r obed.^t servant
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.^t

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia –

From Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c
New Orleans.
May 15. 1843.
Recd " 24. —

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
Philadelphia

ORLEANS
MAY
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Mint of the United States.
May 23d, 1843.

Sir,

I received on the 20th, your monthly report for ~~May~~ April; having, however, seen the results announced in the newspapers, ~~some ten~~ several days before.

~~The order for matrasses for Dr. Hart was committed to the charge of~~

~~Mr. Dunning will attend ~~immed~~ to the order for matrasses for Dr. Hart, and see to have them forwarded with as little delay as possible. It is necessary to have them made at Boston, and I am sorry to find, on inquiry, that from some inattention or oversight, this step was neglected.~~

The Mattrasses for Dr. Hart have to be made in Boston. Mr. Dunning will attend to them immediately, & having them forwarded with as little delay as possible
R.M.P.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans

RMP.
D.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy E
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 23/43.

New Orleans 24 May 1843

Sir

Believing that it will be interesting to you, I annex a Memorandum of the Bullion and Coins in the Mint at this time - The item of 210.000 $ Silver in the possession of the Treasurer, is the amount of three deposites of Mexican Dollars for Coinage, of which the titles have not yet been ascertained - A large portion of the amount in the hands of the Coiner, will be delivered to me in Coins, before the close of this Month - Under instructions which we have receiv'd from you, we are required to reserve from the Coins made in the Mint, for the annual Assay, One piece in every One Thousand of Gold, and One in every Five Thousand of Silver - With a large Coinage, the amount thus reserved is considerable, and will be bulky to forward by Mail - May I ask you to take into Consideration, the propriety of reducing the number of Assay Coins so reserved, under the 37th - Section of the Mint Law - The quantity of Foreign Coins in the Vaults of our Banks is such, as to leave us no apprehension of a falling off in the deposits at the Mint for some time, unless the rate of Foreign Exchange should advance, so as to make it advantageous to export Bullion &c.

I am, Sir

Your faithful Servt

H C Cammack

All the deposites of Silver are now for half dollars.

Coiner —	Gold	443,319.81	
—	Silver	160,487.77	603,807.58
Melter and Refiner —	Gold	376,250.10	
	Silver	67,469.02	443,719.12
Treasurer, on hand,	Gold $	——	
	Silver	150,000	
	do	60,000	210,000.00
Cash, Government fund	Dr	171,503.28	
Coinage	Cr	106,465.36	65,037.92
		$	1322,564.62

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 24. 1843.
Recd. June 3.

June 1843

To Dr R M Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

ORLEANS
MAY
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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 29. 1843.

Sir,

Mr. Cammack requests me to say to you, that the amount now on deposite with us, for ½ dollars, largely exceeds $200.000, and that the only pair of ½ dollar dies we have, is in use.

Mr. Tyler has asked for leave of absence, on account of ill health. I have granted it, and have, at his request, appointed Mr. Brooks, the Foreman of his Department, to act in his place, during his absence - He expects to be gone from two to three months -

Respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia -

From/ Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 29. 1843.
Recd. June 7.

Mint U.S. —

May 31 /43.

Sir,

In compliance with instructions from the Treasury Department, I have to request that you take measures so to increase, as far as practicable, the coinage of quarter eagles, and diminish that of half-eagles;# and that as to Eagles you have none coined except such as are specially requested

R. M. P.

&c —

To Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 31. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 3d 1843.

Sir,

I enclose statement of our operations last month, and am

Respectfully
Y. obedt. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From / Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 3. 1843
Recd. " 12. "

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of May. 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	17.751	41	17.840	159	331.909	93	331.909	93		
Foreign Bullion	40	38	23	025	428	37	428	37		
U. S. Bullion	97	89	103	399	1.923	70	1.923	70		
									334.262	00
Silver										
Foreign Coins	222.534	15	221.613	61	257.877	66	257.877	66		
Foreign Bullion	1.123	35	1.072	44	1.247	92	1.247	92		
									259.125	58
					Total Deposites.				$593.387	58

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Valu	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.					
Eagles	46.500	465.000	–		
Half Eagles.	40.000	200.000	–		
				665.000	–
Silver					
Half Dollars	168.000	84.000	00		
Quarter Dollars	76.000	19.000	00		
Dimes	60.000	6.000	00		
	390.500			109.000	–
	Total Coinage			$774.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1843.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 3d 1843.

Sir,

Altho' the law authorizes me, to fix, for the Workmen of this Branch Mint, such Wages as are reasonable "according to their respective stations and occupations," I prefer consulting you, with respect to an extra allowance, which I am disposed to grant to Mr Brooks, for the period during which he will fill the Office of Acting Coiner - His Services have, at all times, been invaluable, and now, that additional and more important duties have been imposed upon him, I do not think, that an extra compensation of $50 pr. month, during the period above mentioned (which will probably not exceed 3 mo.) would be unreasonable. That remuneration, shd you be willing to sanction it, would still be at the rate of $200, pr. annum less, than the amount allowed by law to the Coiner, for the same services.

Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
J M Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Frm/ Joseph M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 3 / 43.
Rec? 22d.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Mint of the U.S.
June 3. 1843.

Sir,

I take the liberty of transmitting by the present mail, a box of dies for the N.O. Mint, properly directed on the inner envelope, which I beg you to forward under your frank.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. Three similar packages will follow by the succeeding mails.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

June 3. 1843.

My dear Sir

By the monthly statement of the operations of the mint, which you will receive, perhaps, before this reaches you, you will observe that the Coinage for May is larger than was ever before made in this mint. I should think that this establishment has now proved its capability of coining three Millions per annum.

The deposites since the first of this month have been upwards of 440.000 dollars all English and French Gold, except a very small amt. So that the quantity of bullion in the mint is but little decreased by the large Coinage of last Mo. There is still a large amount of foreign Coins in our City to be sent here when wanted. An impression however is abroad that the mint will suspend this summer and there is some caution in sending deposites here, lest they may be locked up all fall.

I do not know if the trial settlement is to be made between the officers this summer. I hope not, as it will interfere very much with our operations. We may never have such another chance to make the business of the year heavy and I trust we will make the best use of it.

Mr Tyler left here on the 1st in the Steam Boat Rainbow for Cincinnatti on his way direct for Philadelphia, and will see you soon after receipt of the present. The foreman of the coining department, Mr Brooks, is now acting for him.

You will observe that we have avoided making small coins - I mean half dimes and dimes - this is because there is but little demand for them - and because it would prevent us from supplying the demand for other kinds.

The Gold Coins which we make go out of the city about as fast as they are made. All persons having money to carry into the Country buy Gold. It is now selling in large quantities @ 1% premium.

There has been but little bullion exported. and that little has gone to France, taken by small merchants who have gone to buy their usual supply of goods for retailing, and who always carry specie with them.

I am very respectfully
Your obt humble St
H Cammack
June 5. 1843.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson. -

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 5. 1843.
Recd. " 13. "

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

de

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 7. 1843.

Sir,

Having now but one ½ dollar die (a tail) that is fit for use. Our operations, so far as half dollars go, are at a stand. Those are almost exclusively, the only coins, that depositors of silver bullion will receive. Be kind enough, then, to send us immediately, at least one head die, of the above denomination, and to have Mr. Tyler's order for the others, filled as soon as possible.

Respectfully
Y. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From/ Joseph M. Kennedy Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
June 7/43.
Recd 16th.

Mint of the United States,
June 7. 1843.

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 29th ult. – A requisition from you for dies was received on the 24th, and on the 3d inst., the first package, containing half-dollar dies, was forwarded. Yesterday we sent one pair of quarter eagle dies. To day we send one pair of half-dollar dies, & tomorrow the same; & the remittances will be continued till your demand is supplied.

I am sorry to learn that Mr. Tyler's health is so much impaired as to make his absence from the Mint necessary. I suppose that he will visit the North, & that I shall have the pleasure of seeing him.

Very respy

Your faithful servt.

R. M. P.

D.

To
Jo. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Cop/

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 7. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 12. 1843

Sir,

I have rec.^{d} your letter of the 31 ult.^{o} upon the subject of the gold coinage, at this Mint and have given instructions in accordance therewith. Our largest gold depositors, the Banks, have generally expressed a preference for Eagles on account, I believe, of their being more easily counted. This has been an object, owing to the large amounts, now rec.^{d} and paid out by them, in coin -

We are in want of three quarter eagle tail, and three quarter dollar tail, dies -

Respectfully
Y.^{r} obed.^{t} Servt
J. M. Kenney
Sup.^{t}

R. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philad.^{a}

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 12. 1843.
Recd. " 23. "

Bill lading, 16 June/43, 4 Boxes from Abm. Miller, ℘ ship Chester, Captn. Vandyke, for N. O. Br. Mint

To

Jos. M. Kennedy

Sup. Br. Mint,

New Orleans.

Jan 29/43.

Mint U. S. —
June 30/43.

Sir,

I send enclosed my account with you, as Treasurer of the New Orleans Mint, for the quarter ending this day, — showing a balance in your favor of $97.26.

R. M. P.
Dr —

To
Horace C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack Esq

Treasurer Br. Mint.

New Orleans.

June 30/43.

Mint U.S.
July 1, 1843.

Sir,

I sent yesterday, # the first of a series of dies # for your Mint, and will continue to forward one every day. When they are all received, I will thank you to give an acknowledgment to that effect. They are as follows:

No. 22, 1 pair ½ doll.
23, 1 tail ¼ dol., 1 tail ½ eagle.
24, 2 tail ¼ eagle.
25, 1 pair ½ doll.
26, do. do.
27, 2 tail ¼ dol.

Your letter of the 3d of June was handed to me by Mr. Tyler on the 22d. The proposition which you make with regard to additional compensation to Mr. Brooks, although it may be called for by the merit and the services of that gentleman, should, I think, be acted upon with great caution. If the allowance should be made, the Auditor & Comptroller will not fail to inquire how it happens that the Department is not only to pay the salary of an absent officer, but to pay also, *extra*, for services rendered necessary by *this absence*.

On ~~the occasion of~~ a late visit to this Mint, in company with the President of the U.S., the Secretary of the Treasury took occasion to complain of the heavy expense of the general Mint establishment, and said ~~he was determined to take measures~~ it called loudly for reductions. What will he think, then, of a salary ~~at~~ to an individual who is not an officer, exceeding by $300 the limit allowed to Assistant Officers legally and formally appointed, with the consent of the President? Our Assistant Assayer, who is not excelled in talent, knowledge, (I might almost add) ~~by~~ and useful services, by any officer in the Mint receives a salary of $1300. The foreman of our Mint gets $780.

In a letter from Mr. Cammack, received on the ~~24th~~ 3d ult., he asks me "to take into consideration the propriety of reducing the number of ~~small~~ Assay coins reserved under the 37th Sect. of the Mint Act." I have accordingly carefully considered this proposition, and have consulted the Assayers with regard to it, and the conclusion to which I have arrived is that it is not advisable to interfere with the existing rules, at least for the current year. As there will be many coins to forward, would it not be well to commence the remittances at once?

Our Treasurer has just called into my office to inquire what is the present state of our copper account with Mr. Cammack. Will you do me the favor to ask him how this matter stands. ~~I tried this~~

Mr. Tyler was here yesterday, but has now gone to Springfield. His health is much improved.

~~Very~~ respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
Dir.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/
Joseph M. Kennedy Esq
Supt. Br Mint
New Orleans

July 1/43

July
1843

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
July 7th 1843

Sir,

You will find this letter accompanied by a Statement of our operations for June -

The following packages, viz:
No. 18 containing 1 pr. 1/2 Dollar Dies
" 19 -- " --- 1 do - do - do - do
" 20 -- " --- 1 do do - do - do }
" 21 " ---- 1 do 1/4 Eagle do, have
been received, as also nine carboys of Nitric acid, One having been broken on board the Vessel.

I am
Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
July 7, 43.
Recd. 17th.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of June, 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	26.132	34	26.405	894	491.272	45	491.272	45		
Foreign Bullion	11	31	8	004	148	91	148	91		
U. States Bullion	36	06	35	470	659	90	659	90		
									492.081	26
Silver										
Foreign Coins	155.374	70	154.749	26	180.071	87	180.071	87		
Foreign Bullion	1.142	30	1.146	30	1.333	87	1.333	87		
									181.405	74
							Total Deposites		$673.487	00

Coinage

Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold					
Eagles	24.000	240.000	—		
Half Eagles	6.000	30.000	—		
Quarter Eagles	86.000	215.000	—		
				485.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars.	180.000	90.000	00		
Quarter Dollars	160.000	40.000	00		
				130.000	00
	456.000				
	Total	Coinage		$615.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 30th 1843.
H. C. Cammack
Treasr

Recd. July 17. '43.

Dr. Branch Mint of the United States, at New Orleans. Cr.

1843			Dollars	Cts
June	30	To Gold Bullion purchased for Coinage. For 24/1000 oz. Standard Gold, in the hands of the Treasurer	4	58
"	"	" Silver Bullion purchased for Coinage. For 322.62 oz. Standard Silver, in the hands of the Treasurer.	375	41
"	"	" Coiner's Account of Gold, For 951.195 oz. Standard Gold to be accounted for by him.	17.696	65
"	"	" Coiner's Account of Silver, For 259.864.26 oz. Standard Silver to be accounted for by him.	302.387	49
"	"	" Melter & Refiner's Acc.t of Gold. For 14.752.218 oz. Standard Gold to be accounted for by him	274.459	83
"	"	" Melter & Refiner's Acc.t of Silver, For 76.361.70 oz. Standard Silver to be accounted for by him.	88.857	22
"	"	" Gold Coinage. For Balance of this account.	88.671	15
"	"	" Silver Coinage. For Balance of this account.	99.422	07
"	"	" Gold Coins reserved for Assaying. For Balance of this account.	2.425	00
"	"	" Silver Coins reserved for Assaying. For Balance of this account.	89	45
"	"	" Profit & Loss. For Balance of this account.	6.542	21
			$880.931	06

1843			Dollars	Cts
June	30	By United States Deposite Account. For Balance of this Account	123.238	10
"	"	" Bank of Louisiana For Gold dep. N.o 230. , due them	381.596	37
"	"	" Commercial Bank, For Silver dep. N.o 521. , due them	1.019	25
"	"	" Bryan Callaghan " do " " 524 " "	1.152	69
"	"	" Mechanics' & Traders' Bank. " do " " 601 " "	50.030	52
"	"	" Bank of Louisiana " do " " 603 " "	100.411	81
"	"	" Louisiana State Bank " do " " 604 " "	50.180	85
"	"	" Mechanics' & Traders' Bank " do " " 616 " "	60.152	85
"	"	" D. Poincy " do " " 617 " "	107	18
"	"	" Henry D. Salyers " do " " 626 " "	199	97
"	"	" Joseph Cassino " do " " 628 " "	91	91
"	"	" Bank of Louisiana " do " " 632 " "	50.275	49
"	"	" N. Bean & Co " do " " 637 " "	287	24
"	"	" Bank of Louisiana " do " " 638 " "	62.186	83
			$880.931	06

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 30.th 1843.
H. Cammack
Treasurer

Balance Sheet.

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans.

For the Second Quarter of 1843.

Recd. Aug. 1. 43.

James Whartenby — a young man — good appearance — asks for situation in New Orleans Mint, should a vacancy occur.

Is a Silver Smith — Is with his father No. 211 Arch St.

Refers to R. W. Wilson

& Watson & Hildeburn.

From / James Whartenby.
July 15 / 43.

New Orleans July 22. 1843

My dear Sir

Annexed I have the pleasure to hand you a/c Sales for a part of the Copper Coins which you sent to me for sale. The amount which I have collected, $622 80/100 I will pay in such manner as I may be directed. There is a charge for advertising, which has been omitted. It can be deducing from the next account.

I send you, also, copy of our balance sheet of the bullion books.

The Coinage for this month will be small. The advance in Exchange on Europe will prevent foreign Coins from being sent for Coinage. The M & Refiner is engaged in separating the So Amn. doubloons, of wh he has abt 12.000 ounces. I am, with great respect

Your mo obt St

H. C. Cammack

To Dr R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

My accounts for 4 qr. '42 are still unaudited, owing, I suppose, to that vexed subject of wastage.

Account of Sales of Ten Kegs of Copper Coins containing 150,000 Cents received per Brig Gibralter from Philadelphia, for account & risk of the Treasurer of the United States Mint.

1843		Purchasers	Cents	Value Dollars	Cts
March	5	M. D. Cooper & Co	33,000	330	00
"	17	Hewitt, Heran & Co	10,000	100	00
"	20	Wm Dovenor For melting department & alloy given — }	2,000	20	00
April	28	Wm Dovenor do	2,500	25	00
"	"	J. P. Riddell	400	4	00
"	30	W. Parks	400	4	00
May	15	J. P. Riddell	600	6	00
"	20	W. Parks	300	3	00
"	25	Cash, (For Post Office at Mobile)	1,000	10	00
June	1	William DeBuys, Post Master	1,500	15	00
"	16	Francisco Gomez. Melting department	5,000	50	00
"	20	Pierne & Burnsides	500	5	00
"	23	Peters & Millard	2,000	20	00
July	15	John R. Dawson, Post Master.	3,000	30	00
"		Cash.	80		80
			62,280	$ 622	80
		Remaining on hand. —— Unsold.	87,720	877	20
			150,000	$ 1,500	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans,
Treasurer's Office July 20th 1843.

H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

From/ A. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
July 22. 1843.
Recd. Aug. 1.

NEW ORLEANS – 1843

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans August 1. 1843.

Sir,

The packages of Dies, from No 22 to 27 inclusive, announced in your letter of the 1st ult; have been received.

As I have been compelled to remove my family a short distance from the City, on account of the State of health of several of the members thereof, and will probably not be here, when the Statement of our Deposites and Coinage during July will be ready, I have directed Mr Cammack to forward it to you, and have requested him to have it made out as soon as possible –

I have so arranged it, that my temporary absence from the Mint, will in no wise affect its operations – Very respectfully

Yr. ob. Servt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Phila.

J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

From Jn. M. Kennedy,
Supt Br. Mint.
New Orleans
Aug. 1. 1843.
Recd. – 12. "

August 1843

Branch Mint New Orleans
~~New~~ Treasurers office Aug. 3. 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herein Statement of the deposites & Coinage in this Branch Mint for the past month, which I send to you by request of Mr Kennedy who is at present out of Town.

We owe Lennig & Co for 50 Carboys Nitric acid which are now on the way from philadelphia. They desire us to send them a bill at 60 days in payment. this I will do as soon as I get funds for expences for the present quarter. May I send it to You to get the proper receipts from these parties?

The Coinage at the Mint for this month will be about the same as it was last month. There is now not much foreign Gold here and the high rate of Exchange on Europe will prevent it from being sent for Coinage. The amount of Mexican Dollars here is very large.

I am. very respectfully
Your Mo obt St
H. C. Cammack
Treasr

To: Dr R M Patterson.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Aug. 3. 1843
Recd. — 14. —

July Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of July, 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Bullion	867	99	24	397	453	90	418	88		
Foreign Coins	3.186	98	3.184	730	59.250	78	59.250	78		
									59.704	68
Silver										
Foreign Bullion	3.408	50	3.186	61	3.708	07	3.705	22		
Foreign Coins	17.698	65	17.218	20	20.035	70	20.035	70		
									23.743	77
					Total Deposites				$83.448	45

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles	36.000	90.000	–		
				90.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	442.000	221.000	–		
Quarter Dollars	60.000	15.000	–		
Dimes	90.000	9.000	–		
				245.000	00
	Total Coinage			$335.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office July 31st 1843.
H. Cammack
Treasr.

Recd. Aug. 14, '43.

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 9th, 1843.

Sir,

In a letter to you, of the 18th ult., I acknowledged the receipt of the first of a series of seven packages of ~~reserved~~ coins, sent from the Mint at New Orleans, for the annual assay. I have now the honor to state to you, that the whole of these packages, sent under your franks, have come safely to hand.

R. M. P.
D

To/ Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of the Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Sep. 9/43.

List of Coins placed in Pyx
G. T. D.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 10 Augt 1843.

Sir

Enclosed herein I send you a list of the Coins reserved for assay at this Branch since the Commencement of the present year. These have been put up into seven parcels, as follows

No 1. 2. 3.	3 parcels, Gold	Amount	$	2.515.00
4. 5. 6. 7.	- 4 - " , Silver.	— " —		138.25
		Making a total of	$	2.653.25

They are addressed to you, and enclosed to the Secy. of the Treasury with a request that he will be pleased to forward them to you. One parcel was mailed two days ago and the others will be sent on at intervals of a few days.-

It is expected that by the end of this month there will be Coins enough made to pay all the depositors, with perhaps one exception.

I am, with much respect
Your very faithful Servant

H. C. Cammack
Treasr

To Dr. R. M. Patterson.

From / H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans
Aug. 10. 1843.
Recd. — 21. —

List of Silver Coins reserved for assay from 1st Jany to 31st July 1843

1843		Package	Value	Dimes	1/4 dollars	1/2 dollars	Dolls.	Cts.
Jany	27					9	4	50
Feby	13				25		5	75
	20				22		5	50
	22	No 4	29.00		8		2	00
	28				16		4	00
March	31				26		6	50
"	"				3		-	75
April	12				6	10	6	50
	13					1	-	50
	21					6	3	00
	"				12		3	00
May	12	No 5	34.45			15	7	50
	22					8	4	00
	25			10		6	4	00
	31			2	15	4	5	95
June	15				16		4	00
	26					16	8	00
	28	No 6	26.00			8	4	00
	30				16	12	10	00
July	18					20	10	00
	25					32	16	00
	31	No 7	48.80	8	12		4	80
	"					36	18	00
			$ 138.25	20	175	183	$ 138	25

Branch Mint U. States
New Orleans 8 August 1843.
Wm. P. Hort Assr.
A. C. Cammack
Tr.

List of Gold Coins reserved for assay from 1st Jany to 31st July 1843

1843		Package	Value	1/4 Eagles	1/2 Eagles	Eagles	Dolls.	Cts.
Feby	9	No 1	900			4	40	–
	13				19	1	105	–
	21					6	60	–
	28			2		17	175	–
	28					6	60	–
Mch	31			68		19	360	–
	″			8		8	100	–
April	21	No 2	1.040		20		100	–
	29				16	20	280	–
May	12					12	120	–
	25				40		200	–
	31					34	340	–
June	26	No 3	575	8		24	260	–
	30			78	6		225	–
July	31			36			90	–
			$ 2515 –	200	101	151	$ 2.515	00

Branch Mint U. States.
New Orleans August 8. 1843
p Wm P. Hort Ap.
H. C. Cammack
Trsr.

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 16, 1843.

Sir,

I have duly received the report of the operations of your Mint for the Month of July.

I was not aware, until the receipt of your letter of the 3d, that you had sent for Nitric acid from Lennig & Co. With the amount ~~sent by~~ ordered by you through us, ~~on your orders,~~ your supply must now be very large. I will cheerfully transact for you the business of the payments and receipts; ~~as you propose;~~ but I must ~~with the~~ ~~reserve~~ observe that I cannot understand what you mean by sending to Lennig & Co. "a bill at 60 days in payment," and that if this expression is to be taken in its most obvious sense, I cannot be a party to the transaction. ~~Can you~~ You surely cannot ~~Mean~~ mean that you are to give an official and negotiable note at 60 days, for the payment of a debt due by the United States?

I sincerely hope that your experiment of keeping the Mint in operation throughout the year may succeed, and that it may not produce the tragedies which followed from the first attempt of the kind.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

The following bills are outstanding against
ut your Mint:

Farr & Co.	for Acids	$ 443.37
Muzzey	" Glass ware	16.75
Miller	" Fire brick &c.	39.00
		$ 499.12
Your balance in my hands is		97.26
	Funds Needed —	$401.86

Enclose Bill of Lading No. 94, of
8 carboys Nit. Acid per
Ship St. Louis,
Aug. 7. 1842.

20/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Aug. 16. 1843.

Treasury Department
August 17. 1843.

Sir

I transmit, by this mail to your address a package received from the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

It is stated to be one of seven packages which contain the Coins for the annual assay reserved from the coinage at that Branch, to be forwarded at intervals.

They will be forwarded to you as received at the Department.

I am very Respy
J. C. Spencer
Sec of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From
Sec. of Treasury.
Aug. 17. 1843.
Recd. " 18. "

Mint U. S.
Aug. 18, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th, with ~~accompanying~~ a package of 7 Coins for the next annual assay, received from the coinage of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and being the first of the packages for the present year.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/ Hon. J. C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To/ J. C. Spencer
Sec. of Treas.

Aug. 18. 1843.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 30 augt 1843.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 16th instant which came to hand some days ago.

The nitric acid from Lenning & Co. was ordered by Dr Riddell because that ordered by you from Farr & Co, was never sent with promptness or in the quantities ordered. We are now without a Carboy in the Mint - and have near 9.000 ounces of Gold that require separating, which has been in the possession of the M & R. some 7 or 8 months and would have been coined long ago if there had been an adequate supply of acid. Considering the difficulty and delay which occur in gettg acid from the North, it is desirable to keep some 25 or 50 Carboys always on hand. I do not intend to pay Lenning & Co by issuing a bill at 60 days: I am fully aware that I have no authority to do so.

these gentlemen when they forwarded the invoice and bill lading to Dr Riddell - remarked that they would be *willing* *to receive payment* by a bill at 60 d/s, which, they added, could be bought in the market at *par*. The bill will, of course, be drawn to their order and I proposed to send it through you that a receipt in full might be taken on its delivery to them.

The Coinage for this month will be about three hundred thousand dollars in silver and one hundred thousand in gold.

It is probable that we will stop working for two or three weeks during September to repair and clean up, but as Mr Kennedy is still out of town it will not be decided upon until his return, which will be tomorrow.

I am with great respect
your very faithful servant
H. C. Cammack & Co.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson

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Doctor R. M. Patterson

Director U. S. Mints

Philadelphia.

From/
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Aug. 30/42
Rec'd. Sept. 8.

New Orleans September 2 1843

Dr R M Patterson

Philadelphia

dear Sir

I hand you above Samuel Nicholson first of Exchange on Brown & Bowen for $542 $\frac{25}{100}$ drawn to the order of N. Sennig & Co. It is in full payment of 52 Carboys of acid per Ships St Louis & Sarah Hand and I will be obliged if you will please to get the receipts for the same in proper form and return them to me

I am your most obt Svt

H C Cammack

Mr Kennedy has written for Mr Tyler to be here by 20 inst & it is important that he should not be later. —

O.S.

Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

September 1843

From
H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasurer of Br. Mint.
N. Orleans.
Sept. 2,
1843.

Rec. 11th.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Sep 5. 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose statement of our Operations for August, and am

Very respectfully
Yr obedt Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of
the U. S.
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R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.
Sept. 5. 1843.
Recd. ~ 15. ~
(~ August Report.) /

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of August, 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting Ounces	dec	Standard Weight Ounces	dec	Value before Deductions Dollars	cts	Value after Deductions Dollars	cts	Total Value before Deductions Dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Bullion	21	54	24	623	458	10	458	10		
									458	10
Silver										
Foreign Coins	216.185	25	215.426	12	250.677	66	250.677	66		
Foreign Bullion	175	50	146	22	170	18	170	18		
									250.847	84
					Total Deposites				251.305	94

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dollars	cts	Total Value Dollars	cts
Gold					
Quarter Eagles	40.000	100.000	00		
Eagles	100	1.000	00		
				101,000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	664.000	332.000	00		
Quarter Dollars	76.000	19.000	00		
				351.000	00
	780.100				
	Total Coinage			$452.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office August 31st 1843.

H C Cammack
Tr.

Recd. Sept. 15. '43.

Mint U. S.
Sep. 9 / 43.

Sir,

I have received a circular from the Register of the Treasury, requesting from me estimates, for the Mint and ~~the~~ its Branches, for the half-year ending 31st Dec. 1844, and the half-year ending ~~June~~ 30th June 1845. I have therefore to pray that you will, as soon as practicable, send me the estimates for your Mint, for these periods.

The seven packages of Coins sent by you, ~~under~~ ~~through the frank of~~ through the Secretary of the Treasury, for the annual assay, have all come safely to hand, and are placed in the pyx, — but without having been opened.

Do me the favor to inform Mr. Cammack that I have received his letter of the 30th ult. I have also by me a letter from him to Mr.

Philos B. Tyler, but I do not know where to send it. His sister-in-law says that he has left Springfield. I have written both there and to New York, to make inquiry as to ~~his~~ ~~whereabou~~ where he now is.

I congratulate you upon having continued your operations through the summer, and having made them so efficient. These circumstances will plead loudly in favor of your establishment, when the next annual attack is made upon it.

R. M. P.

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To/
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Joseph M Kennedy Esq
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans
Sep 9. 1843

~~From~~

Recd Philad: Sept. 11. 1847 of
R C Cammack Esq of U S B Mint
at New Orleans by hands of R M
Patterson Esq director of U S Mint
at Philad: $ 542 25/100 Five hundred & forty two 25/100 in full as pr Bill
rend for 51 Carboys Nitric acid
furnd pr Ships "St Louis" & "Sarah Hand"

Nicolas Lennig

Mint of the U. States
September 12th 1843

Sir

I send above Messrs Lennig & Co's receipt — the Bill of Exchange having come to hand yesterday.

Messrs Lennig & Co say that there is a small bill under date of Nov 17 1842 of $15.19 ord'd by Dr Riddell for the N. Orleans Mint which is unsettled.

Very Respectfully &c
R. M. P
Director

To J. H. C. Cammack Esq
Treas U S Br Mint
New Orleans

To) mH. C. Cammack Esq
Treasr U.S. Br. Mint
New orleans
Sep 12 1843

Mint U.S.
Sept. 30. 1843.

Sir,

The Balance remaining in my hands to your credit, this day, is Ninety Seven dollars 26/100, — no transactions having occurred since the act. rendered June 30. 1843.

There are bills outstanding to the amount of $499.12, & I must beg you, as soon as may be, to supply me with funds for these & such other expenses as may occur.

R. M. P.
D. —

Tr/

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sept. 30. 1843.

Copy.

Dr The United States for the Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs of the Branch Mint at New Orleans as paid to the following persons from 1st July to the 30th Sept 1843 inclusive. in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent of the Marginal dates & Numbers viz,

1843		Nos				
Jany	31	561	J Reider & Co	for drugs &c for Coining Department	18	67
June	21	630	H & Wm Hopkins	″ neats foot oil do do	41	56
July	8	643	John Stout	″ Charcoal for Melting do	43	12
	″	644	P Vaugutin	″ do ″ ″ do	25	20
	″	645	David Felt & Co	″ Stationary for Mint	211	87
	10	646	John Molloy	″ Melters Mittens for Melting Dept	79	50
	″	647	John Wardrobe	″ Making Castors in Coining do	29	
	″	648	J Baumiller	″ Coin boxes for do do	43	75
	20	649	Blanchard Eimer & Co	″ Contribution to Salvage, Bg Louisiana	41	76
	24	650	G G Holdship	″ Stone pavement front of Mint	93	33
	27	651	John Stout	″ Charcoal Melting Department	262	
Augt	2	652	George Wilson	″ Ash Wood for Coining do	276	25
	3	653	W B Percival	″ Boat Load. Pittsburg Coal	1138	62
	4	654	John L Clay	″ Bill of plumbing at Mint	47	
	″	655	J K Webster	″ Charcoal for Melting Dept	37	50
	5	657	W Whitney & others	″ Watching the Mint in July	222	16
	″	658	G Claman & W Parks	″ Services & Porter & Door Keeper	113	67
	″	659	John Larsmann	″ Day Watch & Yard labour	51	67
	11	660	Chas A Smelser	″ Repairing boiler, furnaces &c	36	50
	30	661	John Stout	″ Charcoal Melting Dept	195	
	″	662	Daran Queyrouse & Co	″ Candles & oil for Mint	74	24
	″	663	M Baumiller	″ Making bullion Cars for Coining Dept	27	
	″	664	Wm Bell	″ brass Casting & Pum for do	100	
	″	665	G N Morrisson	″ drugs &c for Melting Dept	89	94
	″	666	J Kimball	″ Soap Candles &c for do	23	53
	″	669	Fc Garcia	″ labour in Melting Dept	96	25
	31	671	W Whitney & others	″ Watching Mint in Augt	222	16
	″	672	G Claman & W Parks	″ Porter & Door Keeper in Augt	113	67
	″	673	Henry Scott	″ day Watch & Yard labour do	51	67
	″	674	John Molloy	″ Melters Mittens for Melting Dept	60	
				Forwarded -	3866	59

		Amount	brought forward	3866	59
Augt 31	675	Saml Rice	Carpenters work at Mint	26	18
"	676	Ls Vaillantcourt	labor in the Machine Shop	34	
"	677	Layton & Co	Hardware for the Mint	40	83
"	678	John L Clay	Plumbing at the Mint	27	
Sept 11	679	James C Hasson	Freight & primage of acid from Philad	26	25
12	681	Jarris & Andrews	Paints oil &c for the Mint	88	28
14	683	John Armstrong	repairing boilers	133	33
15	684	Albert Mitchell	Fire bricks &c &c for Mint	16	48
"	685	W W Wright	White lead for Mint	35	75
16	686	Jas B Parcell	White washing at Mint	56	20
"	687	Chas A Smelser	Setting up the boilers	28	82
18	688	St Louis (Ship) & Owners	freight & primage. acid Phild	28	56
22	689	John Larsmann	labor on furnaces &c	15	20
"	690	Jarris & Andrews	White lead for Mint	38	99
23	692	F Koepke	Painting done at the Mint	216	
"	693	Joseph Lopez	do do	28	50
30	695	W Whitney & others	Watching Mint in Sept	215	
"	696	G Claman & W Parks	Porter & doorkeeper do	110	
"	697	John Carroll	day watch and labor do	50	
"	698	Samuel Rice	White washing & painting Coiners Dept	52	
"	700	Brustlein Koop & Co	Sulphuric acid Melters Dept	82	76
"	701	N Lenning & Co of Phila	Nitric acid for do do	542	25
"	702	J Francis Grault	Expenses incurred for a/c Mint	135	26
				5894	23

United States Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurers Office 30th September 1843

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To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
H. C. Cammack
Treasr of Br. Mint
New Orleans
Oct. 31/43.

Recd. Nov. 9.

New Orleans 3. October 1843.

Dr R. M. Patterson

My dear sir

Since I last had this pleasure I have paid a visit to St Louis from which place I returned on the 27th. I found on my return your letter of 12 ultimo contents of which I note. The balance claimed by Dennig & Co. of $15.19 is Correct and I will be obliged if you will pay it to them and get from them a bill and receipt.

During the time that the Mint has been stopped the building has been cleaned and painted and Dr Riddell has separated all of the South American Doubloons which he had on hand - which he could not have done when in full operation - So that really we have thus far lost but little time. But now all is ready and we await only the arrival of the Coiner to start the engine and we all regret very much that he has not come as large amounts of bullion wait on us to be coined.

The yellow fever Continues to rage and is of a more than usual malignant Character. None of the Men attached to the mint have died. tho' several with their families have been sick.

Mr Kennedy has asked me to make an estimate for the mint for the year ending June 1846. which I intend to do. but the amount that will be required is so alarmingly large that I doubt if he will send it - or you cause it to be presented. The ordinary appropriations required would be

Salaries of clerks & officers	$12.900
Wages to workmen	20.000
Contingent expenses	15.000
	$ 47.900

which was just the amount appropriated $ 47.900 last year. But in addition to this we have an amount standing to the debit of Profit & Loss account of near, I believe, $7000. and to it has to be added the wastage of the present year - what that will be I don't know! last year the wastage was $6.504.34 with a coinage under 1300 M dollars: with one of *four* Millions this year it will, in the same ratio, be near 20.000 Dollars so that we shall have to add full 25.000 Dollars to the above sum and make an estimate of near 73.000 Dollars. The number of workmen is limitted in our mint - and at a too low limit - Much work done in the Coining & Melting Departments have to be put under the head of Contingencies - and thus swell out that account very much.

I saw Mr Benton in St Louis - He said that if we wanted more men in our mint - we could have them by asking - that with so large a Coinage we could approach Congress with a good grace. I hope that before the end of the week to see Mr Tyler here. I had recommend him to push on by mail and be here by 20th September. but he says that after a consultation with you and by your advise he will take the river route in consequence of his delicate health.

I am very truly &
In haste
Your friend & Servant
H C Cammack

From / H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasr. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Oct. 3 / 43.

Recd. 12th.

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Doctor R M Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New Orleans 8 October 1843.

Dear Sir

Mr Tyler arrived here on the 6th in very good health. He seems much disappointed at the condition in which he finds the machinery and machine shop of his department. He thinks that every thing has been done to make the coinage large without regard to the preservation of any part of the machinery. and that he cannot start the engine for some 10 days. and afterwards, he will require some repairs that can be making while the coinage is progressing). We have not men enough to keep up the coinage and make repairs and improvements in the machinery. and if extra men are employed in the machine shop it swells up our contingent expences enormously. We should have relief from Congress this session ~~of Congress~~. by having the number of men increased or by getting an appropriation for machinists & machinery of some $6000. Do you think that this can be done? and what plan should we adopt ~~for~~ in asking for this?

I am yours truly

To Dr Patterson.- P.T.O. H C Cammack

P.S. Since writing the within I have received your letter of the 30 ultimo. The remittance will be forwarded immediately, to pay the bills you mention.

In my next I will give you a memorandum of the unexpended appropriations for our Branch at the present time. That for Contingencies I recollect is $11500. and out of that sum are to be paid expences for three quarters, about $4000. each. So that there is nothing to pay wastages.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has not acted on my accounts for the 4 quarter of last year. and I do not think that it would be improper in me to write to the Secretary of the Treasury about it. None of my accounts since 3rd quarter of last year have been audited!

faithfully

HCC

From/ H. C. Cammack
Treasr &c
N. Orleans
dated 8 } Octr 1843
recd 17 }

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Dr R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 10. Octr 1843.

Sir

I received a note from Mr Kennedy this morning informing me that he had been suddenly called upon to absent himself from the City for a few days and requesting me to furnish you with the estimate asked for by you in your letter to him of 9 ultimo.

I make it as follows

For pay to officers & Clerks	$ 12.900
Wages to Laborers	20.000
Contingent expences, including water rent, fuel - and wastage already accrued and for 1843. —	27.000.
	$ 59.900

The balance undrawn in the appropriation for "Contingent expences" is $11520 out of which we have to pay the current expences for 3 quarters - The balance to debit of Profit & Loss account is abt $6600 - and the wastage of this year is unprovided for.

The Coiner's wastage up to the present time has been about 109 Ounces gold and 264 of Silver -

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of the Melter & Refiner is not known - but he informs me in a note this evening that his "impression is that the wastage will be this year materially less in proportion to the bullion received than what it has usually been his fortune to incur, as evinced in the annual settlements heretofore".

Enclosed I hand you Horace Bean's bi on Barker Brother & C, of your city, at sight for five hundred dollars which, when collected, please to place to my credit to pay bill against this Branch.

I am very sincerely
Your friend & obt servant
H Cammack
Treasurer

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
United States Mint
Philadelphia

From/ H. C. Cammack
Tr. Br. Mt.
New Orleans.
Oct. 10/43.
Recd. 19th.

Off

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office 11. October 1843.

Sir

I had the honor of addressing you last evening with estimate for Contingent expences for this Branch Mint. I beg now to add to that estimate

For pay of ~~three~~ machinists,
repairs, and new Machinery . . . $5.000.

In laying before you these estimates, I, of course, understand that you will alter them in any manner that you may think proper.

I am. very respectfully
your mo obt St
H. C. Cammack
Trsr

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From / H. C. Cammack,
Fr. Br. Mt.
New Orleans.
Oct. 11 / 43.
Rec. 20th.

Mint of the United States
October 13th 1843

Dear Sir

I feel always under great obligations to you for the information conveyed in your letters respecting the affairs of the N. Orleans Mint; and your letter of the 3d inst. is particularly interesting.

I am glad to find that the period of your temporary suspension was not lost time. Mr Tyler is of course now with you & your Mint again in full operation.

This yellow fever is a sad condition of a New Orleans residence. It is a happy circumstance that no death has yet occurred among you at the Mint. I hope that this may continue to be your report.

I need not tell you that your remarks respecting the estimates for your Mint for the next fiscal year give me great anxiety. As to one point however I have no difficulty. Your institution must pay its debts & must be kept out of debt. Therefore what you absolutely need you must ask. The alarming item will be the wastage. Last year it was too great & gave great discontent at the Department. I hope that advantage was taken of your recent suspension of operations to ascertain the amount up to that time.

If so, I beg that I may be informed of the result.

If your coinage is to be kept up at its present rate you will certainly need more hands. If once engaged however it is almost impossible to reduce the number however little there may be to do. Do you think it probable that your large amount of deposits will continue? We have coined here this year upwards of 4,600,000; and the coinage thus far in the whole Mint establishment is a Million per month. For my own part I cannot expect this state of things to last.

Very faithfully
Yours
R.M.P.
Director

H. Cammack Esqr

P.S. Mr Dunning requests me to state that Messrs Atkinson & Rollins of Boston sent pr Ship Edmond Perkins on the 2d inst. one tierce of Crucibles for your Mint & forwarded the Bill of Lading by the vessel.

70/ H. C. Cammack Esq
Treas Br Mint
N Orleans
Oct 13/43

New Orleans October 14th 1843

Dear Sir

In the absence of our Superintendent. I deem it my duty to apprise you of our immediate want of the following coining dies. 3 pair of 1/4 eagles – 2 pair of 1/2 dollars. & 2 pair of 1/4 dollars. I have here stated the number which I think will last us untill January next. when we shall of course be supplied with dies of the new date

The 1/4 Eagles will be required first, and the 1/2 dollars next. and two or three extra tails of these two denominations, may be needed before the year is out. and as they will not be lost. it will be well to send them.

I arrived here in twelve and a half days after I saw you last, and find myself in good time for any thing required of me in the Mint, as the repairs commenced in my department, were not completed, and the Melter & Refiner will have no ingots for me until the 16th inst–

Our city is now very sickly, but my health is good and I hope cold weather may soon come, that we may have less fear for the future.–

Very Respectfully

Your Faithful Servant,

R. B. Tyler

Dr R. M. Patterson.
Director U S Mint

From
Philos B. Tyler
Coiner of Br. Mint
New Orleans.
Oct. 14/43.
Recd. 23d.

New Orleans 28 October 1845.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 13th instant and I thank you for it.

We have had a cold north wind for two days which I believe will clear us of yellow fever. This is not certain however without frost.

I sent you some time ago the estimate for our mint. In it I put down 5000 $ for Machinist, & Machinery: this is an indirect way of increasing our hands. and one that will make it easy to reduce the number. when there will be but little to do. The asking for the appropriation would rest with you - and without it. there could be no extra men employed. We have done but little yet since we recommenced. both the Coiner & M & R. had a good deal to do before they could make progress & work them. and it was only a few days ago that M R. made the first delivery. Bullion is beginning to arrive here and the great decline in Exchange will bring it in quantities so that there is every prospect of the Continuation of our large deposites for some time at least.-

Our expenditures for the last three quarters have been

1843.	For Salaries.	Wages.	Contingent
1 quarter	3.225 -	3.917.25	4.193.25
2nd quar:	3.225.	4.038.50 -	3.687. —
3rd quar.	3225 -	4.432.25.	5.894.23

I will send you a copy of the Contingent expenses in a few days. By a private letter which I received some time since I learn that my Bullion and ordinary accounts for the last four quarters, are hung up in the office of Comptroller of the Treasury on account of the wastage for 1842. I have therefore decided to send my Clerk, Mr Guirault to Washington to try to get them audited. This will be an expence of some 300 dollars - and as the whole Mint is interested in the Matter I think it a proper charge to be made to the Government. I went on last year to Washington - and made no claim. The Coiner & M & R. have each had their expenses paid and some of the workmen have been allowed travelling expences. -

I am with great respect
and Consideration
Sir Your faithful Servant
H. Cammack

To Dr R. M. Patterson

9,675 =
12,388.00
13,774.48
} = Salaries, Wages & Inc. Exps in the 1st 2d & 3d qr. 1883

18,832. — estimated Exps. of 4th qr. including $7,000 Postage

54,669.48

12,388
4,129
16,517.

13,500
4,500
18,000

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To Dr R M Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

November 1843.

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. N. O. Mint,
Oct. 28. '43
Rec^d Nov. 8. —

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 31. 1843.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies for the New Orleans Mint, properly directed on the inner envelope, and which I pray you to forward under your frank as heretofore. A similar box will be sent to morrow.

Very respectfully,
Your obt servt

Hon. John C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To
Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.
Washington.

Oct. 31/43.

October 1843

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Mint of the United States,
Octr. 31. 1843.

Sir,

I send to day, through the Secretary of the Treasury, a pair of quarter-eagle dies, being the first of a series of dies asked for by Mr. Tyler, in his letter of the 14th. inst. Another pair will be sent to morrow.

Very respectfully,
Your fa. serv.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

(Sd/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans —
Oct. 31/43.

Mint U.S.
Nov. 3. 1843.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

I again take the liberty of sending a box of dies, to be forwarded to the New Orleans Mint, under your frank; and a few others will also be sent, by the following mails.

R. M. P.

To/
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Nov. 3. 1843.

November 1843

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Novr. 6. 1843.

Sir,

I enclose our Statement for October. As we could not get ready to recommence operations before the 18th of the month, Mr Tyler recd. his first ingots too late to be enabled to deliver any coins.

I have to request that you will send us, as soon as practicable, the dies lately ordered by the Coiner, and that you will forward us also a supply of 1/2 and 1/4 dollar, and 1/4 Eagles dies for 1844, in time for us to get them ready for use by the first of the year.

Very respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
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From/
J. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 6. 1843.
Recd. " 15. "

(October report.)

Statement of The Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans during the Month of October 1843

Deposits –											Coinage –					
Description of Bullion –	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions		Denomination –	Number of Pieces	Value –		Total Value –	
	Ounces	Decm	Ounces	Decm	Dolls.	Cts	Dolls.	Cts	Dollars	Cts			Dolls	Cts	Dolls	Cts
– Gold –																
Foreign Bullion	31	08	18	147	337	62	337	62								
Foreign Coins	1125	89	1120	226	20841	41	20841	41	21.179	03						
– Silver –																
Foreign Coins	133128	60	132287	23	153934	23	153934	23								
Foreign Bullion	1827	65	1577	92	1836	12	1836	12	155770	35	There have been no					
					Total	Deposites			176949	38	Coins delivering this Month					

United States Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office 31st October 1843 –
H C Cammack
Tr

Recd. Nov. 15. '43.

Washington. November 8th 1843

Dear Sir,

This will be handed to you by Mr: J. Francis Girault, of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, who is desirous of obtaining any information relating to the Mint accounts, which it may be in your power to afford. Allow me therefore to claim for him some portion of your attention, and to aſsure you that such a favor will be duly reciprocated by

Very truly Your Obt Svt,
J R McCorkle

Dr: R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint -
Philadelphia -

From
Mr. J. R. McCorkle
Clerk Treasury Dept.
Washington,
Nov. 8/43.
Recd. 10th

New Orleans November 8. 1843.

Dear Sir

I addressed you a few lines on the 28th and have since received a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury advising me that the accounts had been adjusted. and that the balance of the profit & Loss account had been ~~bal~~ transferred from the Contingent account, and he further directs me, at the close of this year, to transfer from the Contingent account the amount of the wastage of this year. but how this is to be done I do not know, as these two sums together will amount to more than the unexpended balance in the Contingent account.

The accounts having been settled without the aid of Mr Girault, I suppose my suggestion of a charge for his expences falls to the ground.

I am very respectfully
Your mo obt St
H C Cammack

Dr R. M. Patterson

From / H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 8. 1843.
Recd. — 20. —

Mint U.S.
Nov. 14, 1843.

Sir,

I have ~~yesterday~~ sent, to the Treasury Department, the estimates for the different Mints. Yours are, in substance, as follows.

For the half-year ending Dec. 31, 1844

Salaries of Officers & Clerks ——	$6,450.
Wages of workmen ——	10,000.
Incidental expenses ——	21,000
	37,450

For the half-year ending June 30, 1845

Salaries ——	6,450
Wages ——	10,000
Incidentals ——	11,000.
	27,450.

The reason ~~of~~ for the ~~difference of~~ greater amount for incidental expenses for the ~~first~~ half year ending Dec. 31, is that the settlement for wastage is made at that time.

In my letter to the Secretary I ~~state~~ make the following remarks.

"The estimates for the New Orleans Mint are founded upon representations communicated to me by the officers. The great increase in the operations of that Mint has involved a corresponding increase in its expenses. In the items of contingent expended for the fiscal year, is included a sum of $5000 for pay of machinists, repairs, and new machinery, which has been asked for, and which I believe to be necessary.

You will see that, in ~~presenting this~~ making out the New Orleans estimates, I have been guided by the letters written to me by Mr. Cammack, at your desire; as you were prevented from attending to this business yourself. I think it by no means improbable that they may require modification, and if you find it so, I pray you to communicate your wishes to me without delay. The numerous explanations that were required of me, last year, regarding the estimates for the New Orleans Mint, make it desirable, if not essential, that the grounds of the present estimates should be distinctly stated; and, for this purpose, I send you a form, which may at least serve as a guide for a statement which I beg you to send to me.

I subjoin a list of dies which have been sent to you, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury. We are now engaged in preparing the dies for 1844, of which a series will be sent to you in good time.

R. M. P.
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To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

List of dies sent to New Orleans.

Oct.	31.	Box	No.	28 –	1 pr. ¼ eagle dies
Nov.	1	"	"	29 –	1 pr. ¼ " "
"	3	"	"	30 –	1 pr. ¼ " "
"	4	"	"	31 –	1 pr. ¼ dollar "
"	6	"	"	32 –	1 pr. ¼ " "
	7	"	"	33 –	1 pr. ½ doll. "
	8	"	"	34 –	1 pr. ½ " "
	9	"	"	35 –	2 tail ½ " "
	13	"	"	36 –	2 " ¼ eagle "

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

Nov. 14. 1843.

(Copy.)

Grounds of the Estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the Fiscal year ending June 30. 1845.

Estimated means & expenses for the 4th qr. of 1843, & the 1st & 2d qrs. of 1844:

Probable Means:

1. Available Balance in the Treasurer's hands Sept. 30. 1843, as per Ordinary Ledger, $
2. Appropriations undrawn, & still available,
3. Estimated legal deductions from deposites up to June 30. 1844,

Total of means $

Probable Expenses:

1. Salaries of Officers & Clerks to June 30,'44, $
2. Wages of Workmen " " " "
3. Postage of the whole of 1843,
4. Other Inc. & Cont. Expenses,

Total of expenses, $

Difference, - being the probable excess of Expenses over means, & which must be provided for in the appropriations for the next fiscal year, $

The items of Salaries & Wages are specific and correspond to the appropriations. The above deficit of $ wholly exists therefore in the Inc. & Cont. expenses, - the appropriations for which must be increased by this amount in the next year.

All the expenses of the current fiscal year, (ending June 30, 1844,) may be set down at $, with a coinage of Millions. Assuming that an equal amount of coinage will be effected in the year following, we must estimate as the Expenses of the year ending June 30, 1845, including wastage of the whole of 1844, and including also the deficit of $ in the Inc. & Cont. Expenses of the current year as shown above, - and an additional sum of $5,000 for repairs & new machinery which have become necessary, $

Subtracting therefrom:

Estimated legal deductions from deposites during the year, $

There will remain to be asked to cover the expenses of the year ending June 30, 1845, viz:

For the ½ year ending Dec. 31. 1844, which includes the wastage of the whole of 1844, per estimate, $

For the ½ year ending June 30. 1845, per estimate,

Total amt. as per estimates submitted, — $

U.S. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Nov. , 1843.

Sent in letter of
Nov. 14. 1843 to
Jn. M. Kennedy Esq.

Mint of the U.S.
Nov. 15. 1843.

Sir,

I have received, this morning, your letter of the 6th inst., with your report of the operations of the New Orleans Mint for October. — My report to the Department, for September, was delayed, until the 6th of the present month, for your report to me, and was then sent with this item omitted. I am since informed, by Mr. Giault, that there ~~were~~ neither deposits nor coinage, during September, at your Mint, — A fact which had not been communicated to me.

My letter of yesterday contains a list of the dies sent to you, under the frank of the Sec. of the Treasury, in consequence of the request made by Mr. Tyler, during your absence. I also stated that we were now occupied in making dies, for 1844, for all the Mints.

Very respectfully,

R. M. P.
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To
Jn. M. Kennedy Esq.
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Nov. 15. 1843.

New Orleans November 25. 1843.

My dear Sir

I find by a letter which I have received from Mr Girault that he has been to Philadelphia and has paid you a visit. I am glad of this for though I did not like to recommend his visiting you I thought it very probable that he would do so. Had I known of his intention I would have given him a letter ~~p~~ to you. Mr Kennedy has referred to me your letter of the 14th instant for explanation of the grounds of the Estimates for the fiscal year ending 30 June - which will have my immediate attention. We are working very well at the Mint. The Coiner has delivered to me this month, in Silver 159.000 dollars and 190.000 in Gold. The deposites are sufficient to keep us at full work. I have had many applications for copies of the Manual of Coins & Bullion - and I will be obliged if you will order 5 or 6 Copies to be

sent to me

for some friends. I am sure that I can sell some 20 or 30 copies if I had them here.

Dr Riddell is very much engaged in preparing a book of coins which is to contain an illustration of all coins, genuine & counterfeit, with memorandum or history of them, weight, value &c. &c. It will be a curiosity, I suppose, when finished.

I recollecting having read some time ago in the New York Herald, an extract of some report made by you respecting the value of parts of Spanish dollars. I have been frequently applied to to know what they are worth. and I will be very much obliged to you if you will let me have copy of that report, or so much of it as will be necessary to give me the information I desire. If I recollect right the quarters were 22 cents & a fraction, the bits 11 cents, and the picayune 5 cents.

Do you intend to make any alteration in the number of assay coins to be taken from each deliver for next year?

With great respect & consideration
I am yr faithful & obt St
H. C. Cammack

To Dr R M Patterson.

From H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 25. 1843.
Rec^d. Dec. 7. "

December 1843

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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U. S. Mint, Philadelphia,
Nov. 20, 1843.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 8th.— I had learned, from Mr. Girault himself, that, on his arrival at Washington, he had found the purpose of his errand already accomplished. Indeed there was no difficulty of *accounts* to explain. The difficulty, as I understand it, had regard only to the *amount* claimed for wastage;— and, as far as this concerned the settlement of *your* accounts, there were but two words to be said,— first that the amount was actually *paid* by you out of the funds entrusted to your keeping,— and secondly that you were not responsible for the extent of the wastage, and had no direct control over it.

I agree with you, that it would be vain to expect the department to allow Mr. Girault's expenses.

In a letter to Mr. Kennedy, of the 14th, I presented a form to be filled up, in order to show the basis of your estimates for the next fiscal year. It is such a one as I have always sent with my estimates for this Mint, except that with us the balance of the contingent account has ~~always~~ been on the other side.

The appropriations now asked do not, however, become available until after the 30th of June next, and therefore they will not enable you to comply with the instructions of the Comptroller. You have, then, but two courses left. ~~[illegible]~~ One is to state to him the impracticability of compliance, in consequence of the want of funds, until the end of the fiscal year. The other is to ask for a separate and special appropriation to pay the deficit in the appropriation for incidental contingent expenses for the half-year ending Dec. 31, 1843. — For such a demand you would have a ~~valid~~ apology in the fact that your coinage in 1843 ~~had amounted to more~~ would amount to not less than three-and-a-half times query (?) that of the year 1842, and that, in consequence, your expenses had exceeded your estimates.

This course is the most direct, — the most frank. If adopted, it would, of course, reduce your estimates for 1844—5. This for Mr. Kennedy and yourself to decide as to its expediency. ~~Perhaps it would be well for you to consult your~~ With a true and candid statement of your affairs, I should look for liberality on the part of Congress.

This letter was called for by yours of the 8th, and has therefore been addressed to you, but I must beg that you will lay it also before Mr. Kennedy.

R. M. P.
Dr

To H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasr of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

To/

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,

Nov. 20. 1843.

Unofficial

Dear Sir

I handed to Mr Kennedy two days since, a statement, giving the grounds of the Estimates of this Mint; - which instead of modifying, increases the former estimates - The real deficiency to the close of 1843 is about 10.000 $ as you will see by the separate estimate which is made - The appropriations for Contingent expenses for 40 & 41, were $17.000 each year, and for 42 & 43 - 15000 $ each, making the sum total for four years $64.000 and some $2600 for flues &c, besides a balance in the appropriation for "building & machinery" of 4500 $ which has been used, and there remained an undrawn balance from appropriations under this head, at the beginning of the year 1840. - The expenses for 40. 41. 42 & 43, (estimating this quarter at 4500), amount to 78.622.02 and this includes only 4606.84 for wastage - this shews that the expenses of the Mint, without wastage, amount to more, or fully as much, as the appropriations. - Thus our position -

When I made out the estimates for 1844. 45. I did not consider the wastage of '44 was to be paid out of that appropriation, and the Estimates are therefore increased, to cover wastage of that year. - In the statement, which I have handed to Mr Kennedy, the sum of 59.900 is made thus, -

Salaries	12 900	
Workmen	19 000	
Contingent	17 000	
Wastage	6.000	
Machinery	5.000	59.900

I put down the Workmen 19.000 - their wages since 1840, have averaged 4358.93 per Quarter, but I have been afraid of alarming you with big figures, and have reduced every thing, as much as possible - 20.000 is not too much -

The wastage of this year I have stated at 7000. - what it will be, I do not know. I have not been able to bring Dr R. to *figures*, and I have *guessed* at it -

You have not acknowledged receipt of £500 which I sent to you 10 October. - Your Treasurer told Mr Girault that he had not received any account of the Copper Coins - I sent you Sales in my Letter 22 July last -

The Coinage for November amounts to $369.000. which is small considering that we did nothing the previous month. That for the year, as far as it has gone, is now a little over Four Millions of Dollars.

Mr Kennedy will write you fully on the subject of the deficiency in the appropriations for contingent expences. This deficiency exists - and as far as I am concerned, if concerned at all. as I do not control the expences - I will leave you to do that which your better judgement, and experience, may think best.   Mr Slidell is a warm friend and he will do for the institution whatever is necessary if put in possession of facts.

I am in haste

Yours very truly

H. Cammack R H:

N. Orleans

2nd Decr 1843

To Dr R M Patterson

Mr Tyler has made several improvements in the roling room since his return - and has promised to furnish me with a technical account of them which I will forward to you. The Melting room cannot keep here supplied with Ingots.

What title do you find for Mexican Dollars 1843 -?

From / H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 2. 1843
Recd. " 12. "

Contingent Expenses of the Branch Mint. N. Orleans.

			Total for the Year.	
1840. Quarter	1.	3.931.90		
	2.	5.736.85		
	3.	5.684.88		
	4.	5.970.29		
			$ 21.323.92	
1841. Quarter	1.	4.697.98		
	2.	6.391.16		
	3.	4.375.78		
	4.	5.512.63		
			$ 20.977.55	
1842. Quarter	1.	4.094.00		
	2.	2.557.29		
	3.	2.609.42		
	4.	8.785.36		
			$ 18.046.07	
1843. Quarter	1.	4.193.25		
	2.	3.687.00		
	3.	5.894.23		
			$. 13.774.48	
				$ 74.122.02

Deduct this amount paid to Bullion accounts being Balance of Profit & Loss acct 4.606.84

$ 69.515.18

Average of actual Contingent Expenses exclusive of Wastage $ 4.634.34 or $ 18.537.36 per annum.

Recd. Dec. 12. '43.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec. 3. 1843

Sir,

I send you a Statement, made out by Mr. Cammack, from the form recd from you, containing the grounds of the Estimates of this Branch Mint for the year ending June 30th '45. Not wishing any longer to delay the forwarding thereof, the explanation required by one or two of the items, will be sent in a day or two, together with a Statement of our Operations for November—

The boxes numbered from 28 to 36 inclusive, and containing the dies enumerated in your letter of the 14th ult., have been all duly recd.

Very ~~[illegible]~~ respectfully
Yr obedt Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada

From/ Jo. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 3. 1843.
Recd. – 15. "

Grounds of the Estimates of The Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1845 —

Estimated means and expenses for the 4th Quarter of 1843, and the 1st and 2nd quarter of 1844.				
Probable Means:				
1. Available balance in the Treasurers hands Sept 30th 1843, as per Ordinary Ledger	"	"	3810	97
2. Appropriations undrawn, and still available .	36975	00		
Less to pay Profit & Loss for balance to 31 Decem 1842	6586.	71	30288.	29
3. Estimated legal deductions from deposites up to June 30th 1844 . .	"	"	102	43
Total of means	.	.	34.201.	69
Probable Expenses				
1. Salaries of Officers & clerks to June 30th 1844	9675	00		
2. Wages of Workmen .	15000	00		
3. Wastage of the whole of 1843 . .	7000	00		
4. Other incidental, and contingent expenses . .	12526	69	44.201	69
Total of expenses	44201.	69		
Difference - being the probable excess of expenses over means and which must be provided for in the appropriations for the next fiscal year . . .			10.000	00

The items of Salaries and Wages are specific, and correspond to the appropriations - The above deficit of $10.000, wholly exists therefore in the incidental, and contingent expenses, the appropriation for which must be increased, by this amount in the next year.

J. M. K.
Recd. Dec. 15. '43.

All the expenses of the current fiscal year, (ending June 30th 1844) may be set down at $58.640.~~81~~ with a Coinage of over 4 Millions – Assuming that an equal amount of Coinage, will be effected in the year following, we must estimate as the –

Expenses of the year ending June 30th 1845, including wastage of the whole of 1844, and an additional sum of $5000 for repairs and new Machinery, which have become necessary.	59.900
Subtracting therefrom,	
Estimated legal deductions from Depositors during the year, ...	100

There will remain to be asked to cover the expenses of the year ending June 30th 1845, viz.

For the ½ year ending Decem 31st 1844 which includes the wastage of the whole of 1844, per estimates	$32.450	
For the ½ year ending June 30th 1845	27.450	$ 59.900
Total amount as per estimates submitted	59.900	

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans 30th Novem 1843

J. M. K.
Recd. Dec. 15. '43.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office December 4th 1843.

Dear Sir.

The Statement giving the grounds of the estimates of this Mint, instead of modifying, *increases* the former Estimates. The real deficiency to the close of 1843 is about $10.000.— as you Will see by the Separate Estimate Which is made. The appropriations for Contingent Expenses for 40 & 41, Were $17.000.— Each year & for 42 & 43. $15.000 Each, making the Sum total for Four Years $64.000.— and some $2.600.— for Flues &c, besides a balance in the appropriation for "Building & Machinery", of $4.500.— Which has been used, & there remained an undrawn balance from appropriations under this head, at the begining of the Year 1840. The Expenses from 40. 41. 42 & 43 (Estimating this Quarter at $4500) amount to $78.622.02 & this includes only $4.606.84 for Wastage. This shews that the Expenses of the Mint, Without Wastage, amount to more, or fully as much, as the appropriations.

When I made out the Estimates for 1844 & 45, I did not consider the Wastage of '44 Was to be paid out of that appropriation, and the Estimates are therefore increased, to cover Wastage of that year.

In the Statement Which I have drawn up, the Sum of $59.900.— is made thus.

Salaries	$12.900	
Workmen	19.000	
Contingent	17.000	
Wastage	6.000	
Machinery	5.000	" $59.900

I put down the Workmen at 19.000 — their Wages since 1840, have averaged $4358.93 per Quarter, but I have been afraid of alarming you With big figures, & have reduced every thing as much as possible — $20.000 is not too much. The Wastage of this

Year I have stated at $7.000 what it will be, I do not know. I have not been able to bring Dr. R. to figures, & I have guessed at it.

I am Very Sincerely

H C Cammack

Treasurer

Joseph M. Kennedy Esqr.
Superintendent.

The undrawn appropriations remaining in the Treasury, now are.

For Salaries	$ 9.855.70
" Wages	10.800.
" Contingencies	6.500.
	27.155.70

The amount in my hands, as Follows.

Salaries	$ 3225-
Wages	5642.71
Contingent	1.581.55
	10,449.26

These to pay Expenses &c. for this quarter & of the 1st & 2nd qrs of next year & for Wastage for 1843, which I put down.

Salaries.	$ 9675.-
Wages. lowest.	13.500.-
Contingencies & Wastage	19.500..

I do not know if the Balance of Salaries & Wages can be applied to pay Contingent Expenses.

The Sum of $31.400.— part of the appropriations for this Mint has been carried to Surplus Fund in the Treasury, as per Statement from the Register.

Recd. Dec. 16. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Decr. 6. 1843

Sir,

I send you the Statement of our Operations for the last month, and, at the request of Mr. Cammack, a letter from him to me, explanatory of the document, containing the grounds of our estimates for the year ending with June 1845, which I had the honor to forward a day or two ago—

Very respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From / Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans,
Dec. 6. 1843.
Recd. " 16. "

November Report

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of November 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dolls	cts	Dolls.	cts	Dolls.	cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	14.125	57	14.264	104	265.378	69	265.378	69		
Foreign Bullion	135	90	115	811	2.154	61	2.154	61		
U. S. Coins, Old Emission	15	56	15	750	293	02	293	02		
U. S. Bullion	256	79	252	116	4.690	53	4.690	53		
									272.516	85
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	71.645	60	71.090	23	82.723	18	82.723	18		
Foreign Bullion	997	80	1.025	08	1.192	88	1.192	81		
									83.915	99
					Total Deposites				$356.432	84

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls.	cts	Dolls	cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles	76.000	190.000	00		
				190.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	358,000	179.000	00		
				179.000	00
	434,000	~~9.000~~			
Total Coinage				$369.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office November 30th 1843.
A. Cammack
Treasurer

Rec^d. Dec. 14. 1843.

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 7. 1843.

Sir,

The time has arrived for sending to the Branch Mints their dies for 1844; and I take the liberty of transmitting to you, by the present mail, the first box of the series for New Orleans, & shall continue to send them by the successive mails. They will all be properly directed upon the inner envelope, and I beg that you will forward them, as heretofore, under your frank.

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R. M. P.
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To/
Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Dec. 7. 1843.

December 1843

Treasury Department
December 9. 1843.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 7th instant, and the box of dies for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans which shall be forwarded as requested.

The remaining boxes will be transmitted as they come to hand ____

I am very Respy.

J. C. Spencer
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson -
Philada.

From Sec. of Treasury.
Dec. 9. 1843
Recd. " 11. "

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans December 11th. 1843.

Sir,

Dr Hort desires you to have made, for his Department, an Assay oven, of the same materials as the last, which, he says, was very defective, "the space between the muffle and side not being over 3 inches, and the dome or top too full." The Doctor adds, that it answers well for silver assays, but that it is frequently impossible to produce a sufficient degree of heat for assays of gold. Enclosed is a sketch, shewing the shape of the top that he wishes, and the necessary breadth. He desires that the body be covered with sheet iron, that the other parts be as well secured with hoop iron as possible, and that you also send him a full supply of tiles to support the muffles, as they very soon give way —

I am very resp'y
Yr. obt. Servt.
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Phila

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R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia.

From / Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Branch Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 11, 1843.
Rec. 21st

Vidalia La Dec 12/43

"It is possible at the same time that you can find it in your power to do me a small favour of a similar but inferior kind. Your intimacy with Dr Patterson, Director of the U.S. Mint, will enable you to approach him in person not for a favour to be granted at present, but to prepare him for one that may come in some degree through his instrumentality.

I dislike all personal application for office, and could not ask one directly for myself; but it is the desire of my friends that I should be placed in the U.S. Branch Mint of New Orleans, and the long illness with which I am still confined, tho' convalescent, has so impaired the strength of my back that I fear I shall not be able again to prosecute my professional (Engineering) duties, has rendered me anxious on the subject.

The present Superintendent, a man of great wealth, has no acquaintance with any of the scientific departments over which he presides. The scientific Officers know this to be a great desideratum; Should he be displaced an effort will be made on my behalf; meanwhile should any of the Departments become vacant, my name is the standing applicant. Can I ask of you an interview with Dr Patterson on this subject. If Dr P. will address Dr Riddell or Dr Hort of the Mint - I will abide their opinion, or that of any other Scientific man in the W. or S.W.) as to my qualifications for either of these offices"

(Signed). "E. G. Forshey

From/
Prof. A. D. Bache.
Jan. 3 /44.

Copy of letter from
E. G. Forshey,
Vidalia, Lou.a
relative to the office of Superintendent of New Orleans Mint

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

daer Sir   New orleans december 12. 1843.

The deposites of both gold and silver at the mint have Continued to be fully equal to what is required to keep us at full work. I am afraid however that this will not Continue long, especially for Gold - the import of which must now stop as the Exchanges have advanced. There is still a large amount of Sovereigns in the banks uncoined which are, for the present, held over under an impression that they will bear a premium by & bye when Exchange advances.

All the depositors of Gold, lately, have requested to have Eagles made for them, because _they_ bear a premium, of 1/8 to 1/4 percent, while quarter eagles are at par with Silver Coins. we are Compelled to promise Eagles in payment or lose the deposites. Most of the gold Coined finds its way into the Banks, and they will not part with it unleſs at a premium, so that we see but little of it in Circulation notwithstanding the large amount struck at our mint. Indeed such is the difficulty of getting it that Sovereigns have been purchased in considerable quantities to send into the Country.

We are striving to make the Coinage this month reach 500.000 dollars, which will make that of the year Four Millions and a half. Stopping the past summer has reduced it about one Million from what it *might* have been.

I hope the extra appropriation of Ten thousand dollars will be made - without it we shall have much trouble after next month - The wastage this year will absorb all of the Contingent fund remaining. Mr K. forwarded you some days ago a statement which I made for him about this fund and stated that it was by my *request*, as I have since learned from him, - He was mistaken. I *recommended* him to send it - because you would understand it. -

I would not have you to suppose that I volunteer in taking upon myself so much labor. I make these estimates because I am *requested* to do so.

I hope the half dollars dies for 1844 are on the way here. I am afraid that we shall run out of *head* dies for half dollars before the month is out - which may operate much against us in the Coinage of the month. -

An order has been sent for acid to Messrs Senning & Co - say for 25 Carboys - We have on hand some 20 now which we suppose will be exhausted by the time the fresh supply arrive

I am very respectfully -
and faithfully
your obedient servant
H Cammack

To Dr R. M. Patterson

From H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
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